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OF THE TOWN OF  
**READING**  
FOR THE YEAR  
1936



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# TOWN OF READING

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE

Financial Year Ended

December 31

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1936

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

Elected and Appointed

1936—1937

### **Board of Selectmen**

ALBERT N. LEMAN, Chairman	Term Expires	1937
NEWELL H. MORTON, Secretary	" "	1938
J. WARREN KILLAM, JR.	" "	1939
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### **Board of Public Welfare**

ORVILLE S. POLAND, Chairman	Term Expires	1938
HARRIETT L. ROONEY	" "	1937
EDWARD F. PARKER	" "	1939
STERLING W. POWELL, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.		
HELEN A. BROWN—MARY E. DANIEL, Visitors.		

### **Bureau of Old Age Assistance**

ORVILLE S. POLAND, Chairman	
EDWARD F. PARKER	
MARGARET T. LYONS	
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director of Old Age Assistance and Secretary to the Bureau.	

### **Board of Assessors**

ARTHUR S. COOK, Chairman	Term Expires	1937
EDGAR FROST, Secretary	" "	1939
GEORGE E. HORROCKS	" "	1938

### **Town Clerk**

MILLARD F. CHARLES

### **Moderator**

CHARLES P. HOWARD

### **Collector of Taxes**

GRACE V. VIALL

### **Town Counsel**

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

### **Treasurer**

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

### **Town Accountant**

LEON G. BENT

### **Soldiers' Relief Agent**

FOREST H. BRYANT

### **Board of Public Works**

CLINTON L. BANCROFT, Chairman	Term Expires	1938
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary	" "	1937
EDWARD A. BROPHY	" "	1937
WENDELL P. DAVIS	" "	1939
ALEXANDER LINDSAY	" "	1939

### **Board of Health**

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D., Chairman	" "	1937
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1939
ROBERT B. SHEPARDSON, M. D.	" "	1938

### **Finance Committee**

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS, Chairman	Term Expires	1938
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D. M. D.	" "	1937
GEORGE A. COTTON	" "	1937
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" "	1937
MARGARET R. ELLISON	" "	1937
ALLAN H. STURGES	" "	1937
HAROLD B. CURRELL	" "	1938
ROBERT M. FOLSOM	" "	1938
WILLIAM A. HALEY	" "	1938
HERMAN M. NOYES	" "	1938
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1939
A. ALDEN GOLDSMITH	" "	1939
FRANK M. MERRILL	" "	1939
CHARLES F. TREVOR	" "	1939
JEMIMA L. WELLMAN	" "	1939
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### **School Committee**

ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE, Chairman	Term Expires	1937
ESTHER D. TWOMBLY	" "	1937
IRVING C. AUSTIN	" "	1938
FRANK D. TANNER	" "	1938
MARGARET S. CANTY	" "	1939
CHARLES R. WAKELING, M. D., D. O.	" "	1939
ARTHUR E. PIERCE, Secretary.		

### **Superintendent of Schools**

ARTHUR E. PIERCE

### **Attendance Officer**

JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER

### **School Nurse**

MABEL M. BROWN, R. N.

### **School Physician**

CHARLES R. HENDERSON, M. D.

### **Municipal Light Board**

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1938
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" "	1937
HERBERT G. EVANS	" "	1939
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager Municipal Light Plant.		

### **Board of Registrars**

OWEN McKENNEY, Chairman	Term expires	1939
RALPH S. KENEELY	" "	1937
ROBERT S. RALSTON	" "	1938

### **Board of Cemetery Trustees**

PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Chairman	Term expires	1939
CLARENCE C. WHITE, Secretary	" "	1938
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY	" "	1937
FRED L. NUTTER	" "	1937
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" "	1938
HAROLD F. DAVIS	" "	1939
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT, Superintendent.		

### **Planning Board**

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman	" "	1938
WINTHROP D. PARKER, Secretary	" "	1937
CLARK S. ROBINSON	" "	1937
SHERBURNE J. WATTS	" "	1938
McPHERSON DANIEL	" "	1939

### **Trustees of Public Library**

HARRY J. BARCLAY, Chairman	Term expires	1938
WARREN L. FLETCHER, Secretary	" "	1937
JESSE W. MORTON	" "	1937
ISABEL G. HEDGES	" "	1938
LOUIS M. LYONS	" "	1939
HELEN P. TIRRELL	" "	1939

### **Board of Appeal**

HENRY Q. MILLET, Chairman	Term expires	1938
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" "	1937
BENJAMIN B. PIPER	" "	1939

### **Associate Members of Board of Appeal**

HOWARD T. CLINCH	Term expires	1937
ARTHUR P. FRENCH	" "	1938
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	" "	1939

### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	Term expires	1937
PHILIP H. TIRRELL	" "	1941
CLARENCE C. WHITE	" "	1939

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen, members ex-officiis.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

**Inspector of Milk and Food**

CARL M. SMITH

**Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector**

DAVID TAGGART

**Inspector of Animals**

BERNARD SCHIMPFKE

**Dog Officer**

CHARLES H. MELENDY

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

CORNELIUS THIBEAULT, M. D. V.

**Inspector of Buildings**

A. RUSSELL BARNES

**Superintendent of Moth Work and Tree Warden**

HENRY M. DONEGAN

**Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors**

ALFRED E. GOODWIN

**Custodian Soldiers' Graves**

HARRY A. TURNER

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

THOMAS E. BROGAN

PERCY N. SWEETSER

BURTON K. SYMONDS

**Reading Safety Council**

ALBERT C. GRAUPNER, JR., Chairman.

ALFRED B. PEARSON

DANIEL J. DESMOND

EVA S. HIGGINS

CHARLES R. HERRICK

EARLE H. CHAPIN

INEZ KIMBALL

LYMAN E. PRATT

CHARLES STRATTON

FORREST B. EAMES

MARION L. ALLARD

ALLAN D. MacKILLOP

**Forest Warden**

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY\*

HUGH L. EAMES\*\*

**Deputy Forest Warden**

HENRY M. DONEGAN

\*Resigned Oct., 1936.

\*\*Appointed to vacancy.

**Constables**

LEON G. BENT

J. WINTHROP SIAS

**Police Department**

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

**Sergeants**

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

FRANCIS T. SLACK

**Patrolmen**

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE

OSCAR H. LOW

FRANK R. FISHER

GORDON G. MacINTIRE

EARL R. HUTCHINSON

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

JAMES H. LAWLER

WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN

PATRICK J. LONG

THOMAS E. WALL

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

**Reserve Officers**

JOHN R. CONDON

ROLAND E. ELLIS

ARTHUR M. CURTIN

JOSEPH M. GREENE

NORMAN L. DICKINSON\*

PATRICK J. PANTANO

\*Resigned, July, 1936.

**Keeper of the Lock-up**

JEREMIAH CULLINANE

**Fire Department**

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Chief\*

HUGH L. EAMES\*\*

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief

WILLIAM H. VANHORN, Capt.

FRANK L. McKENNEY, Lieut.

ELMER A. DYKENS

CHARLES H. HESELTON

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

ALBERT C. MAXWELL

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

**Call Firemen**

OWEN McKENNEY, Capt.

CHESTER GOODWIN

FRANK A. BUTTERS, Capt.

LESLIE C. HADLEY

WILLIAM H. GAY, Capt.

ALBERT E. MERRILL\*\*\*

FRANK H. HESELTON, Lieut.

H. HARVEY QUIGLEY

LEWIS C. HOLDEN, Lieut.

JOHN A. RAMSAY

JOSEPH ARSENAULT

HERMAN L. RIESSLE

GEORGE F. BAXTER

GEORGE C. ROGERS\*\*\*\*

HOWARD E. BUSSELL

BERNARD SCHIMPFKE

ANDREW B. BUTTERS

G. WARREN SPRAGUE

CHARLES N. CHASE

F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD

THOMAS CLASSEN

W. REGINALD VANHORN

\*Retired, 1936.

\*\*\*\*Appointed to fill vacancy.

\*\*Appointed, 1936.

\*\*\*Deceased.

**Superintendent of Fire Alarm**

**Inspector of Wires**

HUGH L. EAMES

**Measurers of Lumber**

ORA L. MILBURY

WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE

BURTON K. SYMONDS

WILLIAM R. ZWICKER

**Weighers of Coal and Hay**

THOMAS E. BROGAN

BERTHA D. MacLELLAN

CHARLES W. LEE

WENDELL B. NEWELL

MABEL L. MacKAY

CHARLES N. SWEETSER

PERCY N. SWEETSER

**Field Drivers**

ARTHUR W. BANCROFT

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

**Fence Viewers**

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

ALBERT E. TEMPLE

**Committee on Elm Tree Protection**

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

HENRY M. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

**Committee on Town Forests**

LELAND W. KINGMAN, Chairman

Term expires 1937

HENRY M. DONEGAN

" " 1939

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1938

**Law Committee**

ALBERT N. LEMAN, Chairman

CLINTON L. BANCROFT

ARTHUR S. COOK

ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D.

HENRY R. JOHNSON

ORVILLE S. POLAND

**Insurance Committee**

ALBERT N. LEMAN, Chairman

NEWELL H. MORTON

J. WARREN KILLAM, JR.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS, Town Treasurer

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS, Chairman Finance Committee



### Publicity Committee

LOGAN R. DICKIE, Chairman      W. FLETCHER TWOMBLY  
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON

### Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
J. FRED RICHARDSON	Prospect St. School
SYLVANUS THOMPSON	Lowell St. School
EDWARD McBRIEN	Center and Union Schools
WALTER SMITH	Junior High School
JAMES L. HEALEY	Highland School
HENRY W. BRYDEN	Junior High School
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Municipal Building and Library
FRANK F. STROUT	Pumping Station
GEORGE O. FLOUNDERS	B. and M. R. R.
RALPH F. PLOUFF	
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	
WILLIAM H. MANNING	
CHARLES H. MELENDY	
GARDNER A. PERRY	
EDWARD STUART	American Legion Quarters
ROBERT O. CHESLEY	Unitarian Church and Comm. Hall
THOMAS F. CLASSEN	
SIDNEY FREDERICK	Sewerage Pumping Station and vicinity
FOREST H. BRYANT	Town Farm
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Town Farm
STERLING W. POWELL	Town Farm
CHARLES L. GOWING, JR.	Reading Theatre
FRED RIESSLE	Junior High School
DANIEL J. O'KEEFE	Town Dump
J. EDWARD BLACK	
HERBERT F. CARTER	

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### TOWN OF READING

Settled 1639—Incorporated 1644

Population, census of 1935, 10,703.

Registered Voters 1936: Men 2850, Women 2939, Total 5789.

Fifth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Representative in Congress, 5th District, Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell.

Councillor 6th District, James J. Brennan, Somerville.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Joseph R. Cotton, Lexington.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading,  
and Gustave W. Everberg, Woburn.



## TOWN OF READING

### LIST OF JURORS FOR 1936—1937

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

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Name	Occupation	Residence
Abbott, H. Kingman,	Civil Engineer	12 Bancroft Ave.
Adams, Robert N.,	Salesman	118 Ash St.
Albee, George H.,	Clerk	12 Mineral St.
Allard, Ernest W.,	Clerk	136 Wakefield St.
Alward, Ernest C.,	Manufacturer	314 Summer Ave.
Anderson, Carl E.,	Florist	246 Summer Ave.
Babine, Louis,	Commercial Artist	167 Ash St.
Bailey, Horace A.,	Salesman	43 Salem St.
Bancroft, Arthur W.,	Clerk	45 West St.
Bancroft, Hamlet R.,	Operator	14 Chute St.
Barr, Robert J.,	Salesman	31 Highland St.
Barr, Harry C.,	Merchant	33 Highland St.
Barris, George R.,	Fuel Oil Engineer	42 Temple St.
Bassett, Leon A.,	Lineman	3 Parker St.
Beaman, Thomas W.,	Optometrist	48 Pearl St.
Bemister, Ralph E.,	Clerk	13 Prescott St.
Bennett, Austin F.,	Painter	140 Main St.
Berry, John M.,	Broker	126 Salem St.
Birchall, Joseph C.,	Merchant	9 Village St.
Blois, Irving G.,	Cashier	229 Lowell St.
Burnham, Robert W.,	Bank Teller	20 Gardner Road
Campbell, William,	Carpenter	17 Salem St.
Carpenter, Albert E. C.,	Salesman	7 Vale Road
Cate, Frank C.,	Merchant	2 Ellis Ave.
Chandler, Myron K.,	Traffic Engineer	42 Hanscom Ave.
Clinch, Howard T.,	Architect	3 Perkins Ave.
Collins, Henry O.,	Electrician	24 Glen Road
Collins, Walter R.,	Gardener	113 Green St.
Cox, Eugene R.,	Clerk	3 Kingston St.
Curtis, George E.,	Asst. Superintendent	30 Grand St.
DeMattio, Benedetto,	Foreman	Jadem Terrace
Desmond, Daniel J.,	Manager	138 Main St.
Doucette, Clarence L.,	Accountant	23 Prescott St.
Dunn, Frank J.,	Foreman	28 Pleasant St.
Eagleston, Fred O.,	Electrician	4 Thorndike St.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Evans, F. Clifford,	Salesman	40 Howard St.
Fairchild, James W.,	Assistant Treasurer	394 Main St.
Forbes, Frank D.,	R. R. Man	3 Hancock St.
Foster, Hamilton S.,	Insurance	253 Summer Ave.
Goodwin, Harry C.,	Clerk	Torre St.
Greene, Timothy G.,	Operator	5 Warren Ave.
Gregson, William S.,	Clerk	70 Prescott St.
Hall, Burt S.,	Civil Engineer	15 Prescott St.
Hegarty, Michael J.,	Manager	12 Center Ave.
Henderson, Herbert L.,	Merchant	87 Prospect St.
Herrick, Edward O.,	Meter Tester	6 Kingston St.
Hersee, David E.,	Vice-Pres., Bank	10 Weston Road
Hill, Louis G.,	Superintendent	50 Spring St.
Hills, Kenneth M.,	Insurance	1 Parkman Road
Holden, Lewis C.,	Clerk	14 Eaton St.
Hoyt, Carl H.,	Toolmaker	46 Washington St.
Ingalls, Frederick D. B.,	Consulting Engineer	1 Hopkins St.
Ives, C. Quincy,	Salesman	96 Oak St.
Jacob, Henry P.,	Executive	Longview Road
Jeffrey, William G.,	Voicer	24 Locust St.
Jones, Elmer D.,	Storekeeper	20 Charles St.
Kehoe, Edward H.,	Clerk	157 Bancroft Ave.
Kelch, William H.,	Contractor	Longwood Road
Keleher, Charles G.,	Railroad	69 Howard St.
Kimball, Clarence M.,	Accountant	175 Summer Ave.
Kissock, William H.,	Salesman	215 Summer Ave.
Lazenby, Francis C. W.,	Radio Engineer	9 Lincoln St.
Lee, William H.,	X-Ray Operator	29 Locust St.
Lowell, Ernest T.,	Shoecutter	64 Linden St.
Mallock, Graham C.,	Lineman	242 Main St.
Mason, Philip E.,	Chemist	6 Parkview Road
Matson, Eric P.,	Florist	Off Pleasant St.
Meikle, M. Russell,	Insurance Buyer	85 Grove St.
Middleton, Charles H.,	Radio Repairman	86 Bancroft Ave.
Murray, John J.,	Interior Decorator	37 Vine St.
Neilson, Jacob C.,	Master Mechnic	140 Wakefield St.
Nesmith, Arthur S.,	Asst. Treasurer	20 Hanscom Ave.
Newell, Harry R.,	At Home	82 Washington St.
Nichols, Clifton S.,	Clerk	5 School St.
Nodding, Leonard J.,	Salesman	42 Berkeley St.
Norton, Frank W.,	Clerk	5 Sunnyside Ave.
O'Brien, Raymond E.,	Foreman	83 Lowell St.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Palmer, Harold V.,	Merchant	65 Prospect St.
Phippin, Harry I.,	Salesman	84 Summer Ave.
Pierce, Lewis E.,	Electrical Engineer	7 Elliott St.
Pinkham, Carl W.,	Voicer	24 Pleasant St.
Pitman, Carl B.,	Banker	9 Oak St.
Pratt, Lyman E.,	Bookkeeper	15 Linden St.
Reed, Winfield A.,	Special Agent	3 School St.
Reichardt, Otis N.,	Retired	6 Woodward Ave.
Richardson, Herbert S.,	Transportation	11 Fairview Ave.
Richmond, Ernest D., Jr.,	Insurance	144 Summer Ave.
Riley, George S.,	Clerk	26 Hancock St.
Robbins, George,	Millhand	28 Park Ave.
Rowell, Walter L.,	Cashier	164 Bancroft Ave.
Ruggles, Gould E.,	Mfrs. Agent	200 High St.
Sargent, Albert E.,	Clerk	6 Oak St.
Sawyer, John F.,	Manager	8 Arlington St.
Schoppelry, Herbert T.,	Builder	102 Prescott St.
Schumaker, Henry W.,	Asst. Treasurer	41 John St.
Smith, Charles W. H.,	Retired	Wakefield St.
Smith, Ralph W.,	Salesman	14 Scotland Road
Spencer, Orville H.,	Furniture Dealer	50 Federal St.
Stanwood, Augustus T.,	Accountant	78 King St.
Starke, Albin,	Tinsmith	55 Eaton St.
Sullivan, Charles A.,	Shoecutter	5 Winthrop Ave.
Taylor, Walter F.,	Salesman	45 Locust St.
Temple, Albert E.,	Salesman	71 Prescott St.
Thomas, Clarence L.,	Distribution Eng.	128 Bancroft Ave.
Thorburn, George E.,	Mechanic	14 Vine St.
Tolman, Lawrence P.,	Mechanical Eng.	21 Scotland Road
Whitehouse, Robert N.,	Bank Clerk	134 Pearl St.
Whitney, Glenn E.,	Insurance	Ellis Ave.
Widdell, John M.,	Clerk	Glen Road
Wilcox, Loring F.,	Ins. Engineer	10 Fairview Ave.
Wilson, Paul E.,	Clerk	29 Center Ave.
Wright, Albert S.,	Proprietor	7 Washington St.
Zitzow, Adolph,	Truckman	19 Park Ave.

June 26, 1936.

Approved:

ALBERT N. LEMAN

NEWELL H. MORTON

J. WARREN KILLAM, JR.

Selectmen of Reading.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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Security Hall, Woburn St., March 2, 1936

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was held and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard. The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return which was duly read.

Article 1. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; Collector of Taxes for one year; two members of the Board of Public Works for three years; one member of the Board of Public Works for one year; two Constables for one year; Tree Warden for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; one member of the School Committee for one year; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; one member of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Public Library Trustees for three years; one member of the Public Library Trustees for two years.

### Moderator, One Year

Charles P. Howard, 122 Summer Avenue .....	2055
Blanks .....	349

### Town Clerk, One Year

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft Avenue .....	2149
Blanks .....	255

### Selectman, Three Years

J. Warren Killam, Jr., 212 Summer Avenue .....	2047
Blanks .....	357

### Board of Public Welfare, Three Years

Thomas H. Burbank, 17 Grove Street .....	841
Edward F. Parker, 15 Woodward Avenue .....	1411
Blanks .....	152

### Board of Assessors, Three Years

Edgar Frost, 35 Oak Street .....	1261
Laurence H. Parker, 23 Locust Street .....	586
Carlyle F. Quimby, 25 Howard Street .....	470
Blanks .....	87

### Treasurer, One Year

Preston F. Nichols, 56 Linden Street .....	2119
Blanks .....	285

### Collector of Taxes, One Year

Roy C. Skidmore, 39 Hanscom Avenue .....	447
Grace V. Viall, 42 Bancroft Avenue .....	1871
Blanks .....	86

### Board of Public Works, Three Years

Wendell P. Davis, 85 Woburn Street .....	1269
Carl W. Goodridge, 170 Bancroft Avenue .....	944
John P. Hach, 25 Pratt Street .....	983
Alexander Lindsay, 35 Auburn Street .....	1004
Blanks .....	608

### Board of Public Works, One Year

Edward A. Brophy, 300 Main Street .....	1451
Frank R. Heselton, 27 Highland Street .....	834
Blanks .....	119

### Tree Warden, One Year

Henry M. Donegan, 15 Federal Street .....	2019
Elbridge F. Munnis, 4 Torre Street .....	316
Blanks .....	69

### Constables, One Year

Leon G. Bent, 215 Main Street .....	1662
J. Winthrop Sias, 5 Salem Street .....	1639
Francis T. Slack, 4 Gould Street .....	950
Blanks .....	557

### Municipal Light Board, Three Years

Herbert G. Evans, 40 Howard Street .....	2025
Blanks .....	379

### Board of Health, Three Years

Christine F. Atkinson, 32 Washington Street .....	2066
Blanks .....	338

### School Committee, Three Years

Margaret S. Canty, 39 Mineral Street .....	1850
Charles R. Wakeling, 25 Linden Street .....	2035
Blanks .....	923

### School Committee, One Year

Esther D. Twombly, 10 Berkeley Street .....	2031
Blanks .....	373

### Trustees Public Library, Three Years

Louis M. Lyons, 3 Vale Road .....	2006
Helen P. Tirrell, 225 Main Street .....	2003
Blanks .....	799

### Trustee, Public Library, Two Years

Isabelle G. Hedges, 72 Prescott Street .....	2008
Blanks .....	396



### **Trustees Cemeteries, Three Years**

Harold F. Davis, 10 Forest Glen Road .....	2027
Philip H. Tirrell, 225 Main Street .....	1921
Blanks .....	860

### **Planning Board, Three Years**

McPherson Daniel, 17 Harnden Street .....	1571
Richard F. Drew, 110 Salem Street .....	653
Blanks .....	180

Voted to adjourn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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Security Hall, Woburn St., March 9, 1936.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to appoint Samuel H. Davis temporary Moderator, Charles P. Howard being absent on account of sickness.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board Finance Committee and any other Boards and Special Committees.

Article 2. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 3. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year: Ora L. Milbury, Burton K. Symonds, William R. Zwicker; and that the following be chosen as Measurers of Wood and Bark: Percy N. Sweetser, Burton K. Symonds, Thomas F. Brogan.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage Maintenance, Charities and Aid, Soldiers' Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Recreation, Commons, Parks and Supervised Play, Cemeteries, **Memorial Day Observance**, Municipal Light Department, Water Department, Sewer Department, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance and General Accounts.

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of twenty-one thousand four hundred and eighty dollars and seventeen cents be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 600.00
Selectmen's Clerical .....	1,218.10
Town Accountant's Salary .....	1,859.68
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,143.13
Treasurer's Expenses .....	1,000.00
Treasurer's Clerical .....	300.00
Collector's Salary .....	2,153.75*
Collector's Clerical .....	500.00
Collector's Expenses .....	1,500.00
Assessors' Salaries .....	1,775.63
Assessors' Expenses .....	2,000.00
Assessors' Clerical .....	2,229.88
Block System Survey .....	200.00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,000.00
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	300.00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	600.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	250.00
Election and Registration Expenses .....	2,500.00
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	\$21,480.17

\* Fees to be turned in to Treasury.

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of fifty-nine thousand, five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$59,558.50) be raised and appropriated for General Accounts as follows:

Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$ 3,100.00*
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	2,800.00
Fire Station Maintenance .....	1,050.00
Police Station Maintenance .....	1,100.00
Planning Board Expenses .....	1,000.00
Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer .....	5,508.50
Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light .....	45,000.00
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	\$59,558.50

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of seventy-three thousand, six hundred and eighteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$73,618.17) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

\* Includes travel outside of state.



Police Department Maintenance .....	\$ 3,650.00
Police Department Salaries and Special Officers .....	33,795.00
Fire Department Maintenance .....	3,200.00*
Fire Department Salaries .....	18,551.39
Fire Department Call Men Salaries .....	3,264.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	1,600.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	1,500.00
Moth Department Maintenance .....	4,600.00
Tree Warden Maintenance .....	1,700.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	483.78
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	185.38
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary .....	488.62
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses .....	200.00
Game Warden Salary .....	100.00
Dog Officer .....	300.00

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\$73,618.17

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10,915.25) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 300.00
Board of Health Expenses .....	250.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	565.25
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	200.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	200.00
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	6,500.00
Garbage Collection .....	2,400.00
Dental Clinic .....	500.00

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\$10,915.25

Article 4. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of sixty-six thousand fifty-two dollars (\$66,052.00) be raised and appropriated for public works as follows:

Salaries, office supplies and expenses .....	\$ 5,500.00
Repairs, construction and maintenance of highways, setting curb, purchase of materials, tools and equipment and any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto .....	39,000.00
Sidewalk construction and maintenance .....	2,000.00
Removal of Snow and Ice .....	14,300.00
Maintenance of Storm drains and water ways .....	1,000.00
Park Department and Common Maintenance and supervised play .....	3,152.00

\* Includes travel outside of state.

Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Connecting estates with the common sewer .....	1,000.00

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\$66,052.00

Article 4. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of \$54,800.00 be raised and appropriated, of which sum \$5,926.72 is to be taken from the unexpended balance on hand in the Water Reserve on January 1, 1936, said appropriation to be used by the Board of Public Works for the payment of water bonds and interest, maintenance and operation and construction of water works.

Article 4. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of \$11,100.00 be raised and appropriated, of which sum \$2,889.23 is to be taken from the unexpended balance on hand in the Sewer Reserve on January 1, 1936, said appropriation to be used by the Board of Public Works for the payment of interest due the current year on sewer bonds and the charges and expenses incident to the maintenance, operation or extension of the sewer system.

Article 4. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings and for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that if said sum and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, twenty thousand dollars shall be turned over to the Town Treasurer out of the profits of the Municipal Light Department, and the balance shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of Orville S. Poland, it was voted that the sum of \$113,080 dollars be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows:

Administrative Expenses .....	\$ 9,580.00
Aid, Board and Care and Temporary Aid .....	68,900.00
Mother's Aid .....	7,600.00
Old Age Assistance .....	27,000.00

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\$113,080.00

295 voted Yes and 138 voted No.

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of sixteen thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$16,700.00) be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits as follows:

State Aid .....	\$ 1,200.00
Military Aid .....	1,500.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	14,000.00
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	\$16,700.00

Article 4. On motion of Arthur W. Coolidge, it was voted that the sum of \$232,993.55 be raised and appropriated for the School Department, divided as follows:

General Maintenance, including \$300.00 for travel outside the State .....	\$ 51,296.00
General Salaries .....	177,730.05
Agricultural Maintenance .....	150.00
Agricultural Salaries .....	2,817.50
Industrial Tuition .....	1,000.00
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	\$232,993.55

Article 4. On motion of Harry J. Barclay, it was voted that there be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of the Public Library for the fiscal year 1936 the sum of \$7,600.00 divided as follows:

Salaries .....	\$ 4,800.00
Maintenance .....	2,800.00
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	\$ 7,600.00

Article 4. On motion of Philip H. Tirrell, it was voted that the sum of eight thousand and fifty dollars (\$8,050.00) be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries, seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$7,350.00) to be expended for maintenance of Laurel Hill Cemetery and seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for maintenance and development of Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside of the state.

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Reading Post No. 62, American Legion.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1937, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer.

Article 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols, it was voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1937, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer.

Article 6. On motion of Preston F. Nichols, it was voted that the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of perfecting titles in the Land Court by foreclosure of all rights of redemption to real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes previous to the year 1934 and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to take all necessary proceedings to perfect such titles in the Land Court.

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Reserve Fund as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund, as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven dollars, (\$7.00) to balance overdraft in Old Age Assistance Special State Tax, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant.

Article 8. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of seven dollars (\$7.00) be raised and appropriated to balance overdraft in Old Age Assistance Special State Tax.

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the payment of unpaid bills of 1935, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant.

Article 9. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents (\$457.55) be raised and appropriated for the payment of unpaid bills of 1935.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been hon-



orably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 10. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex as required by law on account of assessments levied on the town for its share of the principal of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Funding Loan, Act of 1932 bonds maturing in 1936, issued in compliance with Chapter 10, Acts of 1932, also for any other indebtedness incurred and outstanding under said Chapter 10, also for the town's share of the cost and interest on said bonds due in 1936, also for the care, maintenance, and repair of said hospital for 1935, and including interest on temporary notes issued therefor in accordance with sections of Chapter 111 of the General Laws applicable thereto, and for all other expenses in connection therewith, determine how the money shall be raised, or in any way act thereon.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), this being the town's share of the principal of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Funding Loan, Acts of 1932 bonds maturing in 1936, be and the same is hereby appropriated and that a further sum of eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$828.75) be and hereby is appropriated on account of interest and other charges on account thereof. That a further sum of two thousand, six hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-three cents (\$2,656.93) be and hereby is appropriated for the town's share of the net cost of care, maintenance and repairs of the Middlesex County Hospital, including interest on temporary notes issued therefor, in accordance with sections of Chapter 111 of the General Laws applicable thereto. Total \$6,485.68.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 21 to 25 inclusive, of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, which said sections permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day and the charging of admission fees or the taking of collections at any such sport or game, or the receiving of remuneration by any person in charge of or participating therein, or what it will do in relation thereto.

John E. Sias and others.

Article 12. Edward Teer moved that the provisions of Sections 21 to 25, inclusive, of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, permitting certain

sports and games on the Lord's Day, and the charging of admission fees or the taking of collections at any such sports or games, or the receiving of remuneration by any person in charge of or participating therein, be and the same hereby are accepted.

The motion was lost; 188 voted in the affirmative and 259 in the negative.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell on such terms and conditions as they may determine, any and all real estate acquired by the Town for taxes, wherein such title has been duly perfected as provided by law, and to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town deeds and such other instruments which may be necessary conveying such property to the purchasers thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 13. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and instructed to sell on such terms and conditions as they may determine, any and all real estate acquired by the Town for taxes wherein such title has been duly perfected as provided by law, and that the Selectmen be and they are further authorized, empowered and intrusted to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, deeds and such other instruments which may be necessary, conveying such property to the purchasers thereof.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, certain tract or tracts of land adjoining or near the public dump owned by the Town on the Easterly side of John Street, for the purpose of enlarging and increasing the area of the public dump, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purchase or taking, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 14. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase or taking by eminent domain, such tract or tracts of land adjoining or near the public dump on the easterly side of John Street, as they may deem suitable for the purpose of enlarging and increasing the area of the public dump, now owned by the Town, and to raise and appropriate for such purchase or taking the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

340 voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XI of the By-Laws of the Town by adding after Section 13 thereof, the following Section known as 13(a):

Section 13(a). No person, except the duly authorized agents and employees of the Town, shall carry in or through any of the public

streets or ways of this Town any house-dirt, rubbish, ashes, garbage, or house offal, either animal or vegetable, or any grease or bones, or any refuse substances, or the contents of any sink, cesspool or privy, unless the person so carrying the same shall have secured a permit therefor from the Board of Selectmen, which permit may be issued by said Board upon such terms and conditions as it may determine.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 15. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that Article XI of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby are amended by adding after Section 13 thereof the following section to be known as 13(a):

Section 13(a): No person, except the duly authorized agents and employees of the Town, shall carry in or through any of the public streets or ways of this Town any house dirt, rubbish, ashes, garbage or house offal, either animal or vegetable, or any grease or bones, or any refuse substances, or the contents of any sink, cesspool or privy, unless the person so carrying the same shall have secured a permit therefor from the Board of Selectmen, which permit may be issued by said Board upon such terms and conditions as it may determine.

272 voted in the affirmative and 19 in the negative.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 1 to 3 inclusive, of Chapter 139 of the General Laws, which Sections permit the disposition, alteration or regulation of any burnt, dilapidated or dangerous building existing in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 16. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that Sections 1 to 3 inclusive of Chapter 139 of the General Laws, relating to the disposition, alteration or regulation of any burnt, dilapidated or dangerous building existing in the Town, be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of advertising its resources, advantages and attractions, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 17. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars be raised and appropriated in compliance with the provisions of Section 6A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, for the purpose of advertising the Town's resources, advantages and attractions, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the installation of a system of traffic signals in Reading Square, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.



Article 18. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of an automobile for the use of the Fire Alarm Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 19. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of an automobile for the use of the Fire Alarm Department.

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of an automobile for the use of the Police Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of an automobile for the Police Department.

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the installation of a repeater for the Fire Alarm System.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 21. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00) be raised and appropriated for the installation of a repeater for the Fire Alarm System.

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preservation, care and maintenance of and for the protection by insurance and otherwise, of the Town's interest in real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 22. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the installation of a fire alarm box on County Road near the residence of Ormiston Delong, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 23. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) be raised and appropriated for the installation of a fire alarm box on County Road near the residence of Ormiston Delong.

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the installation of a fire alarm box on Van Norden Road near Harold Avenue, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 24. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) be raised and appropriated

for the installation of a fire alarm box on Van Norden Road near Harold Avenue.

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the installation of a fire alarm box on Libby Avenue near D Street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 25. On motion of Newell H. Morton, it was voted that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) be raised and appropriated for the installation of a fire alarm box on Libby Avenue near D Street.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to place the land, with the buildings thereon, now owned by the Town, located on the Easterly side of Pearl Street, known as the Town Farm, under the control and supervision of the Board of Public Welfare, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare.

Article 26. Orville S. Poland moved that the land with the buildings thereon now owned by the Town, located on the easterly side of Pearl Street known as the Town Farm, shall be placed in the charge of, under the control and supervision of the Board of Public Welfare. The motion was lost.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town, as amended by the Town on June 6, 1921, by inserting the words "Board of Public Welfare," in the fourth line of Section 1 thereof, so that said Section, when so further amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1:—The Chairman of the following Boards to wit: Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board, School Committee, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare and Assessors, acting jointly, shall constitute and be the Law Committee of the Town and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen shall be the Chairman of the Committee. Such Law Committee shall hereafter annually, on or before the fifteenth day of April, and whenever a vacancy shall exist, choose some competent lawyer to act as Town Counsel, who shall receive such compensation as the Town shall determine at an annual or special meeting."

Board of Public Welfare.

Article 27. On motion of Orville S. Poland, it was voted that Section 1 of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town, as amended by the Town on June 6, 1921 be further amended by inserting the words "Board of Public Welfare" in the fourth line of said Section, so that the same, when so further amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1: The Chairman of the following Boards to wit: Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board, School Committee, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare and Assessors, acting jointly, shall constitute and be the Law Committee of the Town,

and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen shall be the Chairman of the Committee. Such Law Committee shall hereafter annually, on or before the fifteenth day of April, and whenever a vacancy shall exist, choose some competent lawyer to act as Town Counsel, who shall receive such compensation as the Town shall determine at an annual or special meeting."

One hundred six voted "Yes," and thirty-six voted "No."

On motion of George E. Horrocks, it was voted to adjourn to meet in Security Hall on Monday, March 16th at 7:45 o'clock p. m.

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## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall, Woburn St., March 16, 1936.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town, as amended by the Town on June 6, 1921, by inserting the words "Planning Board," in the fourth line of Section 1 thereof, so that said section, when so further amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1:—The Chairman of the following Boards to wit:—Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board, School Committee, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, Planning Board, and Assessors, acting jointly, shall constitute and be the Law Committee of the Town and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen shall be the Chairman of the Committee. Such Law Committee shall hereafter annually, on or before the fifteenth day of April, and whenever a vacancy shall exist, choose some competent lawyer to act as Town Counsel, who shall receive such compensation as the Town shall determine at an annual or special meeting."

Planning Board.

Article 28. On motion of Robert B. Mount, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by inserting after Article V the following new Article:

### Article V (a)

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall annually on or before the fifteenth day of April, and whenever a vacancy shall exist, appoint a duly registered physician to be known as the Town Physician, who shall be paid such salary as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen, but not exceeding the annual appropriation therefor.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Town Physician to attend and treat such needy persons as may be designated from time to time

by the Board of Public Welfare or Board of Selectmen; to perform such professional services as may be required by vote of the Town and by all Departments thereof; and to perform such other professional duties and services as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. Such appointment shall not bar the Town Physician from the general practice of his profession.

Finance Committee.

Article 29. On motion of Robert B. Mount, it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of making necessary alterations at the High School Building, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee.

Article 30. On motion of Arthur W. Coolidge, it was voted that the sum of fifty-three hundred dollars (\$5,300.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of making such alterations and repairs at the High School building as are necessary to conform with the recommendations of the Department of Public Safety of the Commonwealth.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing a limited town meeting form of government, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Everett C. Coombs and others.

Article 31. Everett C. Coombs moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing a limited town meeting form of government.

Wilfred Sylvester made a motion to amend the foregoing motion by adding the following, "and that any act passed by the General Court be referred back to the Town for its acceptance".

On motion of Robert B. Mount, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a truck for the use of the Welfare Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare.

Article 32. On motion of Edward F. Parker, it was voted that the sum of eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a truck for the use of the Welfare Department.

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the further development of Storm Water Drainage.

Board of Public Works.



Article 33. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the further development of storm water drainage.

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for the construction of permanent sidewalks and placing of edgestones on Main Street, between Salem and Washington Streets, Harnden Street, and the Mineral Street Bridge or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 34. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to construct a garage, to be erected on land now owned by the Town located at the junction of John and Union Streets, or on such other site as may be determined; and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate therefor the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 35. On motion of Robert B. Mount, it was voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, providing the State and County appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 36. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street, under Section 34, Chapter 90, of the General Laws, providing the State and County appropriate six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars.

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purpose of improving and constructing West Street from the end of the 1934 construction at Prescott Street, to Woburn Street, thence easterly on Woburn Street, toward Reading Square, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, providing the State and County appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 37. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of four thousand dollarss (\$4,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing West Street, from the end of the 1934 construction at Prescott Street, to Woburn Street, toward Reading Square, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General

Laws, providing the State and County appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Fairview Avenue, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, such highways being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Fairview Avenue, and to raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way the sum of nine hundred eighty-three (\$983.00) dollars, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 38. Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Fairview Avenue.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present, who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town, running from Pratt Street easterly to Sunnyside Avenue, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Fairview Avenue, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side line of a public way known as Fairview Avenue, said point being N. 76 degrees—10' E., a distance of 556.82 feet from a stone bound at the intersection of the Easterly side line of Summer Avenue, and said southerly side line of Fairview ave:

Thence N. 76 degrees—10' East, by lands of Florence H. True, Royal C. Jaques, and the Heirs and Devisees of Joseph D. Gowing, a distance of 461.34 feet to a point of curve:

Thence by a curve to the right, having a radius of 20.00 feet, a length of 30.64 feet, through land of said Heirs and Devisees of Joseph D. Gowing, to a point on the Westerly side line of Sunnyside (Private) Avenue, said last two described lines being the Southerly boundaries of this layout:

Thence turning and running N. 16 degrees—04' W., along said Westerly side line of Sunnyside (Private) Avenue, a distance of 80.07 feet to a point at land of Viola A. Miller et al., said described line being the Easterly extremity of this layout:

Thence by a curve to the left, having a radius of 20.00 feet, a length of 32.20 feet, through land of said Viola A. Miller et al., to a point of tangent:

Thence S. 76 degrees—10' W., by lands of Viola A. Miller et al., Royal C. Jaques, Amos M. McLean, Robert O. Chesley and Edith G. Chesley and Amos M. McLean, a distance of 442.72 feet to a point of curve:

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 20.00 feet, across land of Amos M. McLean, a length of 29.90 feet to a point of tangent on the Easterly side line of Pratt Street, said last three described lines marking the Northerly boundary of this layout:

Thence S. 18 degrees—11' E., across Fairview (Private) Avenue, a distance of 58.66 feet to the point of beginning.

Said lines being more fully shown on a plan entitled, "Fairview Avenue Reading, Mass." made under date of February, 1936, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Superintendent, said plan being part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named "Fairview Avenue", and that the sum of nine hundred eighty-three dollars (\$983.00) be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of the said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM

A. RUSSELL BARNES, JR.

CLINTON L. BANCROFT

ROBERT E. FOWLE

Members of the Board of Public Works,  
Town of Reading.

On motion of Harold W. Putnam, it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Fairview Avenue, and to adopt the recommendation therein contained, and to raise and appropriate for the laying out and the construction of said way, the sum of nine hundred eighty-three dollars (\$983.00).

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Sunnyside Avenue, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will



accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Sunnyside Avenue, and to raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way the sum of one thousand sixty (\$1,060.00) dollars, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 39. Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Sunnyside Avenue.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town way for the use of the Town, running southerly from Prescott Street, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Sunnyside Avenue, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

The Westerly line of said Sunnyside Avenue commences at a point on the Southerly side line of said Prescott Street, said point being N. 70 degrees—44' E., a distance of 474.56 feet from a stone bound situated at the Southeasterly corner of Pratt and Prescott Streets:

Thence the said Westerly line runs by a curve to the right having a radius of 20.00 feet, through land of Amos M. McLean, a distance of 31.85 feet to a point of tangent:

Thence South 18 degrees—02'—00" East, by land of the said McLean, a distance of 11106 feet to a stone bound at an angle:

Thence South 16 degrees—04'—00" East, a distance of 560.66 feet, by land of Bertha L. Lincoln, across a Town Way known as Echo Avenue, land of Ethel D. Norton, Bernice S. Flint, across a private way known as Vista Avenue land of Viola A. Miller et al. and across a private way known as Fairview Avenue to a point on the prolongation of the Southerly line of Fairview (Private) Avenue:

Thence North 76 degrees—10' East, by and through land of the Reading Greenhouses, Incorporated a distance of 50.04 feet to a corner, said last-described line being the Southerly boundary of this layout:

Thence North 16 degrees—04' West, a distance of 563.47 feet, by land of the said Reading Greenhouses, Incorporated, Andrew Christiansen, and other land of the said Reading Greenhouses, Incorporated to an angle:

Thence North 18 degrees—02'—00" West, by land of said Reading Greenhouses, Incorporated and land of Willard P. Adden, a distance of 113.27 feet to a point of curve:

Thence by a curve to the right, having a radius of 20.00 feet across land of the said Adden, a length of 30.99 feet to a point of tangent on the Southerly side line of said Prescott Street.

The three last-described lines being the Easterly boundary line of this layout.

The Northwesternly and Southwesterly corners of Echo Avenue, at the Westerly line of this layout are hereby rounded as follows: The Northwesternly corner having a radius of 20.00 feet, a distance of 30.20 feet, and the Southwesterly corner having a radius of 20.00 feet, a distance of 32.54 feet:

The Northwesternly and Southwesterly corners of Vista Avenue, at their intersection with the said Westerly side line of this layout are also hereby rounded as follows: the Northwesternly corner having a radius of 20.00 feet, a distance of 30.27 feet, and the Southwesterly corner having a radius of 20.00 feet, a distance of 32.56 feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a plan entitled "Plan and Profile of Sunnyside Avenue, Reading, Mass." as ordered by the Board of Public Works, made under date of February, 1936 by Philip Welch, Superintendent, said plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way named "Sunnyside Avenue", and that the sum of one thousand sixty dollars (\$1,060.00) be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of the said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM

A. RUSSELL BARNES, JR.

CLINTON L. BANCROFT

ROBERT E. FOWLE

Members of the Board of Public Works,  
Town of Reading.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis, it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Sunnyside Avenue, and to adopt the recommendation therein contained, and to raise and appropriate for the laying out and the construction of said way, the sum of one thousand and sixty dollars (\$1,060.00).

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Hartshorn Street, under the provisions of

law authorizing the assessments of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Hartshorn Street, and to raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way the sum of two thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars (\$2,349.00) or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 40. Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Hartshorn Street Extension.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town way for the use of the Town, running from the end of the layout of March 5, 1900, easterly to Bancroft Avenue, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Hartshorn Street, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

The Southerly line of this layout commences at a stone bound at land of John A. and Herbert W. O'Neil, and at the Southeasterly corner of the layout of Hartshorn Street, as accepted by the Town on March 5, 1900, and runs on a prolongation of the Southerly line of said Street on a bearing of N. 76 degrees—25'—40" E., by lands of John A. O'Neill et al., across a private way known as Essex Street, and by lands of Pearl M. Burgess and Stephen F. Wadsworth, a distance of 550.17 feet to a point of curve:

Thence with a curve to the right, with a radius of 390.15 feet, still by lands of said Burgess and Wadsworth, a length of 163.63 feet to a point of reverse curve situated near the center line of a private way known as Yale Avenue:

Thence with a curve to the left, with a radius of 263.41 feet, still by lands of said Burgess and Wadsworth, a length of 109.06 feet to a stone wall marking a point of tangent:

Thence N. 72 degrees—59'—10" E., by lands of Forest E. and Bessie E. Carter, across a public way known as Winthrop Avenue, by lands of Francis L. and Lida K. Johnson, Lawrence J. and Ruth C. Rust, across a private way known as Hanscom Avenue, and by lands of Stanley R. Gerard and William H. Terhune, a distance of 553.00 feet to a point of curve:

Thence by a curve to the right, having a radius of 20.00 feet, across

land of said Terhune, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent situated on the Westerly side line of Bancroft Avenue:

Thence N. 17 degrees—00'—50" W., along said Westerly side line of Bancroft Avenue, a distance of 80.00 feet to a point of curve, said last-described line being the Easterly boundary of this layout:

Thence by a curve to the left, having a radius of 20.00 feet, across land of Angelo Zanni, a length of 31.42 feet, to a point of tangent:

Thence on a bearing S. 72 degrees—59'—10" W., by lands of said Angelo Zanni, Philip J. Stockwell, across a private way known as Hanscom Avenue, lands of Esther G. Derry, Elmer A. and Mermet V. Dykens, across a public way known as Winthrop Avenue, and land of Prudence B. Steeves, a distance of 553.00 feet to a point of curve:

Thence with a curve to the right, with a radius of 223.41 feet by lands of Pearl M. Burgess and Stephen F. Wadsworth, a length of 92.5 feet to a point of reverse curve situated at the intersection of the prolongation of the Easterly side line of Yale (Private) Avenue, and the Northerly side line of this layout:

Thence with a curve to the left, having a radius of 430.15 feet, across Yale (Private) Avenue, and by lands of said Burgess and Wadsworth, a length of 180.39 feet to a point of tangent:

Thence on a bearing S. 86 degrees—25'—40" W., by lands of said Burgess and Wadsworth, across said Essex (Private) Street, and by lands of Stephen F. Wadsworth and Roger K. and Jessie A. Vaughan, a distance of 550.17 feet to a point at the termination of the Northerly line of this layout, as accepted March 5, 1900:

The last five described lines being the Northerly boundary of this layout:

The Northwesterly and Southeasterly intersections of Essex (Private) Street and this layout are hereby rounded with curves, the radius of which is 21.54 feet, having lengths of 32.24 feet, and the Northeasterly and Southwesterly intersections of said streets are hereby rounded with curves having a radius of 18.57 feet, and lengths of 30.54 feet:

At the intersection of Yale (Private) Avenue and this layout, the corners are hereby rounded as follows:

Northeasterly corner, radius of 18.47 feet, length of 21.99 feet;

Southeasterly corner, radius of 18.52 feet, length of 34.55 feet;

Southwesterly corner, radius of 20.88 feet, length of 26.0 feet;

Northwesterly corner, radius of 18.78 feet, length of 34.79 feet.

The Northwesterly and Northeasterly corners of Hanscom (Private) Avenue and this layout are hereby rounded with curves the radius of which are 20.0 feet, having lengths of 31.42 feet.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the corner of Main and Washington Streets, said corner being relocated or altered



in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the corner of Main and Washington Streets, as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM  
A. RUSSELL BARNES, JR.  
CLINTON L. BANCROFT  
ROBERT E. FOWLE

Members of the Board of Public Works.

Town of Reading.

On motion of Edward A. Brophy it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Hartshorn Street, and to adopt the recommendation therein contained, and to raise and appropriate for the laying out and the construction of said way the sum of two thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars (\$2,349.00.)

Article 41. Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Corner of Main and Washington Streets.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the town, the corner of Main and Washington Streets. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Easterly side line of Main Street, said point being North 14 degrees—00' East, a distance of 389.71 feet from a Massachusetts Highway stone bound located on the Southerly side of the Boston & Maine Railroad crossing on Main Street:

Thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 20.0 feet a length of 31.92 feet across land of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Incorporated, to a point on the Southerly side line of Washington Street;

Thence North 74 degrees—33'—40" West, along said Southerly side line of Washington Street, a distance of 20.51 feet to a stone bound located at the intersection of the Southerly side line of Washington Street and the Easterly side line of Main Street;

Thence South 14 degrees—00' West, along said Easterly side line of Main Street, a distance of 20.51 feet to the point of beginning.



The above-described area is estimated to contain ninety-one (91) square feet of land, more or less.

The above-described lines being more fully shown on a plan entitled "Alteration of the Southeast corner of Main Street and Washington Street, Reading, Mass. made under date of February, 1936 for the Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking for this improvement. No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

On motion of Harold W. Putnam, it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the corner of Main and Washington Streets, and to adopt the recommendation therein contained.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the corner of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue, said corner being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the corner of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue, as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 42. Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southeasterly corner of Bancroft Avenue and Lowell Street.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the corner of Bancroft Avenue and Lowell Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side line of Lowell Street, said point being South 46 degrees—42' East, a distance of two hundred

nine and 04/100 (209.04) feet from a stone bound set at an angle point in the Southerly side line of Lowell Street:

Thence on a curve to the left, having a radius of (20.0) twenty feet, a length of forty-five and 03/100 (45.03) feet, across land of the Work-mens Co-operative Bank, to a point on the Easterly side line of Bancroft Avenue:

Thence N. 4 degrees—18' East, along said Easterly side of Bancroft Avenue, a distance of fifteen and 93/100 (15.93) feet to a stone bound marking a point of curve:

Thence with a curve to the right, having a radius of twelve and 40/100 (12.40) feet, a length of twenty-seven and 92/100 (27.92) feet to a bolt marking a point of tangent on said Southerly side line of Lowell Street:

Thence South 46 degrees—42' East along said Southerly side line of Lowell Street, a distance of fifteen and 93/100 (15.93) feet to the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is two hundred thirty-nine (239) square feet.

The above-described lines being more fully shown on a plan entitled "Alteration of the Southeast corner of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue, Reading, Mass.," made under date of February, 1936, for the Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Superintendent, said plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall be therefor laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM  
A. RUSSELL BARNES, JR.  
CLINTON L. BANCROFT  
ROBERT E. FOWLE

Members of the Board of Public Works.  
Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis, it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the corner of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue, and to adopt the recommendation therein contained.

Article 43. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of the collection, removal, and disposal of ashes, and rubbish in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 43. Clinton L. Bancroft moved that the sum of five thousand and five hundred (\$5,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of collection, removal and disposal of ashes and rubbish in the Town, under the supervision of, and under such regulations as may be established by the Board of Public Works.

On motion of George T. Lewis, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this Article.

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a truck for the use of the Cemetery Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees.

Article 44. On motion of Philip H. Tirrell, it was voted that the sum of \$980.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a truck for the use of the Cemetery Department.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve Fund, receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for permanent development of Laurel Hill Cemetery, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees.

Article 45. On motion of Philip H. Tirrell, it was voted that the Town appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for permanent development of Laurel Hill Cemetery, under the provisions of Chapter 114, Section 15 of the General Laws.

Article 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five (\$55) dollars to reimburse Fireman Charles H. Heselton for medical attendance and care occasioned by injuries received at a fire on October 1, 1935, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Chief O. O. Ordway.

Article 46. On motion of O. O. Ordway, it was voted that the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) be raised and appropriated to reimburse Fireman Charles H. Heselton for medical attendance and care occasioned by injuries received at a fire on October 1, 1935.

Article 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for further development of the Town Forest, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Committee on Re-forestation.

Article 47. On motion of O. O. Ordway, it was voted that the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 48. To see what action the Town will take regarding the

installation of additional street lights on the public streets during 1936, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Department.

Article 48. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that the subject matter of Article 48 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be and it hereby is authorized to install such additional street lights as in its judgment are required, to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the installation of a traffic light at the corner of Main and Haven Streets or what it will do in relation thereto.

Mary A. McCormack and others.

Article 49. Harold F. Parker moved that the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) be raised and appropriated for the installation of a traffic light at the corner of Main and Haven Streets.

On motion of George T. Lewis, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 50. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to renew the present lease for suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 62, of the American Legion, for a further term of one year, and will raise and appropriate therefor the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or what it will do in relation thereto.

Thomas Ferris, Jr. and others.

Article 50. On motion of Thomas Ferris, Jr., it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to renew or extend the present lease for providing suitable quarters for Reading Post No. 62 of the American Legion for a further term of one (1) year; and to sign and execute said renewal or extension thereof in the name of the Town of Reading and the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be and hereby is raised and appropriated for said lease.

Article 51. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association, and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Inez H. Damon and others.

Article 51. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association, and the Board of Health.

Article 2. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.



On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed.

On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Security Hall, Woburn St., April 28, 1936.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereon a Presidential Primary was held at the time and place specified and was called to order by Selectman Albert N. Leman. The warrant was partially read, when on motion it was voted to dispense with further reading. The ballot boxes were duly examined by the Constable James W. Sias and declared empty and the keys delivered to him. The ballots were delivered to the Election Officer in charge and the polls were opened at 12 o'clock noon and were closed at 7 o'clock p. m. with the following result: 105 Democratic votes were cast and 596 Republican votes were cast.

### Eight Delegates-at-Large to National Convention of Democratic Party

Dávid I. Walsh, 37 Day Street, Fitchburg .....	79
Marcus A. Coolidge, 164 Blossom Street, Fitchburg .....	59
James M. Curley, 350 Jamaica Way, Boston .....	64
William J. Granfield, 74 Park Drive, Springfield .....	57
Joseph McGrath, 10 Caspian Way, Boston .....	56
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 14 Asticou Road, Boston .....	57
Elizabeth L. McNamara, 239 Upland Road, Cambridge .....	54
Grace Hartley Howe, 464 Locust Street, Fall River .....	52

### Not Grouped

Timothy E. Carroll, 10 Eighth Street, Cambridge .....	8
Alexander F. Sullivan, 92 Wadsworth Street, Boston .....	11
Blanks .....	343

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### Alternate Delegates at Large

Clementina Langone, 190 North Street, Boston .....	60
Mary Maliotis, 272 Foster Street, Boston .....	55
Golda R. Walters, 6 Blake Street, Woburn .....	58
Sadie H. Mulrone, 48 Terrace Street, Springfield .....	56
Louise B. Clarke, 92 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater .....	55
H. Oscar Rocheleau, 116 Summer Street, Worcester .....	57
Stanley W. Wisnioski, 254 Washington Avenue, Chelsea .....	56
Julian D. Rainey, 40 Waumbeck Street, Boston .....	58
Blanks .....	385



## Presidential Preference

Roosevelt .....	42
Father Coughlin .....	4
A. Smith .....	3
Landon .....	1
Blanks .....	55

## Fifth District Delegates

Michael T. Golden, 5 Hill Street, Woburn .....	58
William F. McCarty, 35 Oakland Street, Lowell .....	46

## Not Grouped

James J. Bruin, 161 School Street, Lowell .....	8
Thomas J. Corbett, 287 Fairmount Street, Lowell .....	3
George J. Murray, 8 Wiley Road, Belmont .....	2
Blanks .....	93

## Alternate Fifth District Delegates

Alice I. Goland, 1090 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington .....	38
Joseph F. O'Connell, 31 Norris Street, Cambridge .....	39

## Not Grouped

Clement G. McDonough, 727 Bridge Street, Lowell .....	6
Jeremiah J. O'Sullivan, 105 Mount Washington Street, Lowell ...	21
Blanks .....	106

## State Committee, Seventh Middlesex District

Frank A. Cassidy, 305 East Merrimack Street, Lowell .....	66
Blanks .....	39

## Delegate to State Convention

Richard F. Drew, 110 Salem Street, Reading .....	79
Orville S. Poland, 59 Oak Street, Reading .....	18
George F. A. McDougall, 13 Village Street, Reading .....	1
Blanks .....	7

## Democratic Town Committee

James H. Fleming, 18 Green Street .....	77
Daniel J. Desmond, 138 Main Street .....	82
John Carney, 42 Mineral Street .....	75
Owen McKenney, 116 John Street .....	74
Thomas J. Murray, 7 Sweetser Avenue .....	70
Leo A. Surrence, 11 Temple Street .....	71
Edwin E. Wendell, 23 Warren Avenue .....	65
Catherine E. Reilly, 19 Glen Road .....	69
Catherine L. Doherty, 71 Green Street .....	75
Arthur L. Doiron, 8½ Village Street .....	66
Catherine Peters, 2 Center Avenue .....	68
Charles A. Sullivan, 5 Winthrop Avenue .....	68
William Sullivan, 12 Green Street .....	69
Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft Avenue .....	71
Paul Geary, 16 Minot Street .....	67

Rose Gadbois, 5 Maple Street .....	66
Richard F. Drew, 110 Salem Street .....	77
Frank J. Dunn, 28 Pleasant Street .....	72
Bernard W. Conefy, 59 Haven Street .....	68
Walter Scanlon, 10 Eaton Street .....	70
George Robbins, 28 Park Avenue .....	67
George F. A. McDougall .....	6
Orville F. Poland .....	1
Blanks .....	816

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

### Delegates at Large

Charles F. Adams, Fairhaven Road, Concord .....	510
George F. Booth, 64 Beechmont Street, Worcester .....	491
Joseph W. Martin, Grove Street, North Attleboro .....	489
Allen T. Treadway, Main Street, Stockbridge .....	504
Blanks .....	390

### Alternate Delegates at Large

Mary Phillips Bailey, 34 Columbus Avenue, Northampton .....	475
Florence H. LeFevre, 24 Shattuck Road, Norwood .....	463
Wallace Stearns, 60 Charlesgate East, Boston .....	484
Anna C. Tillinghast of 6 West Bellevue Avenue, Cambridge .....	473
Blanks .....	489

### Presidential Preference

Borah .....	60
Landon .....	378
Knox .....	12
Vandenberg .....	8
Hoover .....	37
Roosevelt .....	2
Talmadge .....	2
Townsend .....	1
Blanks .....	96

### District Delegates, Fifth District

Robert E. Goodwin, 9 Wood Street, Concord .....	420
Wallace R. Lovett, 63 Stratford Road, Melrose .....	434

### Not Grouped

Forest A. Rogers, 118 South Walker Street, Lowell .....	37
John R. Russell, 32 Harvard Street, Winchester .....	51
Blanks .....	250

### Alternate District Delegates, Fifth District

Ethel G. Gray, 220 Pleasant Street, Arlington .....	459
Anna S. Hard, 79 High Street, Lowell .....	453
Louis Ellenwood, 50 Lowell Street, Reading .....	1
Blanks .....	279

### State Committee, Seventh Middlesex District

John H. Pearson, 69 Clitheroe Street, Lowell .....	456
John M. Woodbridge .....	1
Blanks .....	139

### Delegates to State Convention, Reading

Horace A. Bailey, 43 Salem Street .....	431
Edward F. Harnden, 195 Summer Avenue .....	453
Paul E. Wilson, 29 Center Avenue .....	149
Louis Ellenwood .....	1
Louis Lyons .....	1
O. S. Poland .....	1
Blanks .....	156

### Reading Republican Town Committee

Horace A. Bailey, 43 Salem Street .....	473
Natalie Burnham, 9 Copeland Avenue .....	435
Thomas F. Classen, 11 Chute Street .....	427
Arthur F. Cook, 59 Bancroft Avenue .....	465
Mary F. Daniel, 17 Harnden Street .....	441
Louis Davis, 6 Vine Street .....	436
Louis Ellenwood, 50 Lowell Street .....	473
Edward E. Harnden, 195 Summer Avenue .....	473
Katherine G. Howard, 122 Summer Avenue .....	449
Louise B. Jenkins, 93 Salem Street .....	444
Dudley B. Killam, 16 Arlington Street .....	452
Myrtle L. Leman, 13 School Street .....	455
Harriette P. Leuchtman, 16 Belmont Street .....	427
Harold F. Parker, 24 Pratt Street .....	450
Gertrude F. Stratton, 91 Oak Street .....	448
Norman W. Haines, 28 Thorndike Street .....	456
Christine H. Young, 6 Union Street .....	432
Clarence C. White .....	1
Charles Grant .....	1
Grace M. Harriman .....	1
Blanks .....	2495

The votes were counted and declared in open Town Meeting and sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk whereupon the meeting was adjourned sine die.

Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., August 3, 1936.

A town meeting was held at time and place as specified in the warrant and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, whereupon it was moved to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return thereon which was duly read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote passed at the annual town meeting of March 1936, under Article 36 of the warrant, by striking out the following: "providing the State and County appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)" and substituting therefor the following, "together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County," or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 2. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the vote passed at the annual town meeting of March, 1936 under Article 36 of the warrant be amended by striking out the following, "providing the State and County appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)" and substituting therefor the following "together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County," so that the vote shall read, "That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County."

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote passed at the annual town meeting of March, 1936, under Article 37 of the warrant, by striking out the following, "providing the State and County appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00)" and substituting therefor the following, "together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County," or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 3. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the vote passed at the annual town meeting of March, 1936 under Article 37 of the warrant, be amended by striking out the following, "providing the State and County appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00)", and substituting therefor the following "together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County," so that the vote shall read, "That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing West Street, from the end of the 1934 construction at Prescott Street, to Woburn Street; thence easterly on Woburn Street, toward Reading Square, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County.



Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept and agree to the provisions of the Waiver of Claim for Damages, prepared by the Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., in connection with the relocation of the Southeasterly corner of Main and Washington Streets, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 4. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the town accept and agree to the provisions of the Waiver of Claim for Damages prepared by Socony Vacuum Oil Company, Incorporated in connection with the taking of an easement for the purpose of relocating the public highways at the southeasterly corner of Main and Washington Streets, and that the Town hereby authorizes the Board of Public Works to sign said Waiver of Claim for damages in their behalf.

On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to adjourn sine die.  
Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

**STATE PRIMARY**

Security Hall, Woburn Street, Sept. 15, 1936

Pursuant to the warrant a Primary was held at time and place specified therein and was called to order by Selectman Albert N. Leman. The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, when it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's Return thereon which was duly read. The ballot boxes were examined and declared empty and the keys delivered to the Constable in charge, James W. Sias. The ballots were delivered to the Selectman in charge and the polls were duly opened and closed at the hours specified in the warrant and the votes counted in open town meeting with the following result.

2708 Republican and 227 Democratic.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**Governor**

John W. Haigis, 24 Church Street, Greenfield ..... 2570  
Blanks ..... 133

**Lieutenant Governor**

Leverett Saltonstall, 240 Chestnut Hill Road, Newton ..... 2547  
Blanks ..... 161

**Secretary**

Frederic W. Cook, 75 Benton Road, Somerville ..... 2508  
Blanks ..... 200



### Treasurer

William E. Hurley, 42 Wheatland Avenue, Boston .....	1841
William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge Street, Cambridge .....	205
Fred Jefferson Burnell, 41 Washington Street, Medford .....	454
Blanks .....	208

### Auditor

Richard Darby, 18 Gilmore Street, Everett .....	554
Russell A. Wood, 9 Whittier Street, Cambridge .....	1705
Blanks .....	449

### Attorney-General

Felix Forte, 78 Belmont Street, Somerville .....	2371
Blanks .....	337

### Senator in Congress

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., 275 Hale Street, Beverly .....	2304
Alonzo B. Cook, 4 Bulfinch Place, Boston .....	212
Guy M. Gray, 15 Russell Street, Greenfield .....	27
Thomas C. O'Brien .....	15
Blanks .....	150

### Congressman, Fifth District

John T. Kevin, Jr., 474 Haverhill Street, Reading .....	226
Wilbur J. McCrady, 88 Washington Street, Lowell .....	296
Frank L. Roberts, 5 Lodge Road, Belmont .....	51
Edith Nourse Rogers, 444 Andover Street, Lowell .....	2068
Blanks .....	67

### Councillor, Sixth District

Edward T. Bailey, 462 Chelmsford Street, Lowell .....	537
George H. Bailey, 172 Sheridan Avenue, Medford .....	128
Joseph George Bates, 62 Mount Vernon Street .....	249
Frederick E. Bean, 69 Playstead Road, Medford .....	339
Richard E. Bourdon, 347 Bedford Street, Lexington .....	91
Chester Brown, 95 Jefferson Avenue, Everett .....	86

### Councillor, Sixth District

Eugene A. F. Burtnett, 39 Ware Street, Somerville .....	371
James G. Harris, 90 Wyman Street, Medford .....	185
Charles H. LeDuc, 299 Shaw Street, Lowell .....	17
Blanks .....	705

### Senator, Seventh Middlesex District

Joseph R. Cotton, 123 Marrett Road, Lexington .....	2381
Joseph LaBelle, 97 Pleasant Street, Lowell .....	89
Blanks .....	238

### Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex District

Eli Beaumont, Main Street, North Reading .....	37
Arthur W. Coolidge, 136 Summer Avenue, Reading .....	1694
Louis Ellenwood, 50 Lowell Street, Reading .....	610
Gustave W. Everberg, 11 Cleveland Avenue, Woburn .....	1391

J. Warren Killam, Jr., 212 Summer Avenue, Reading .....	1176
George F. A. McDougall, 13 Village Street, Reading .....	54
Blanks .....	454

#### **Register of Probate and Insolvency**

Harry R. Gardner, 18 Fountain Street, Medford .....	343
Loring P. Jordan, 12 Church Street, Wakefield .....	1974
Blanks .....	391

#### **County Commissioners, Middlesex County**

Harold R. Acres, 5 Field Street, Malden .....	526
John A. Anderson, 9 Spring Street, Malden .....	381
Nathaniel I. Bowdith, Edmands Road, Framingham .....	1307
Walter B. French, 55 Varnum Street, Lowell .....	352
William R. Griffin, 12 Nesmith Street, Lowell .....	165
Walter C. Wardwell, 79 Oxford Street, Cambridge .....	1387
Blanks .....	1298

#### **County Treasurer, Middlesex County**

Charles E. Hatfield, 108 Cherry Street, Newton .....	2034
William John Shield, 50 Hume Avenue, Medford .....	234
Blanks .....	440

#### **Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)**

Frederick C. Bean, 26 Bridge Street, Chelmsford .....	700
George H. Brown, 2 Melton Street, Lowell .....	236
Arthur F. Carver, 216 Elm Street, Cambridge .....	72
John R. MacKinnon, 309 Waverley Avenue, Watertown .....	1162
Archie J. MacNicholl, 262 School Street, Somerville .....	16
Ralph Smith, 134 Liberty Street, Lowell .....	107

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### **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

#### **Governor**

Charles F. Hurley, 57 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge .....	191
Blanks .....	36

#### **Lieutenant-Governor**

Philip J. Philbin, 23 Berlin Street, Clinton .....	100
Thomas F. Galvin, 28 Pearl Street, Lawrence .....	46
Francis E. Kelly, 24 Topliff Street, Boston .....	50
Blanks .....	31

#### **Secretary**

Joseph Santosuosso, 60 School Street, Boston .....	73
William J. Ahearne, 28 Baker Street, Lynn .....	13
John J. Buckley, 59 Aquavia Road, Medford .....	40
John D. O'Brien, 68 Decatur Street, Boston .....	27
Edward W. O'Hearn, 2 Centervale Park, Boston .....	25
William F. Sullivan, 28 Arborough Road, Boston .....	16
Blanks .....	33

### Treasurer

James C. Scanlon, 25 Munroe Street, Somerville .....	99
James M. Hurley, 131 Pleasant Street, Marlborough .....	100
Blanks .....	28

### Auditor

Thomas H. Buckley, 198 Centre Avenue, Abington .....	145
Leo D. Walsh, 1 Plummer Place, Boston .....	42
Blanks .....	40

### Attorney-General

Paul A. Dever, 86 Buckingham Street, Cambridge .....	184
Blanks .....	43

### Senator in Congress

James M. Curley, 350 Jamaica Way, Boston .....	112
Robert E. Greenwood, 33 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg .....	84
Thomas C. O'Brien .....	8
Blanks .....	23

### Congressman, Fifth District

Daniel J. Coughlin, 400 Stevens Street, Lowell .....	133
Arthur F. Grenier, 20 Alberta Terrace, Cambridge .....	18
Henry C. Rowland, 67 Pleasant Street, Arlington .....	23
Blanks .....	53

### Councillor, Sixth District

James J. Brennan, 10 Putnam Street, Somerville .....	96
Edward J. Coughlin, 30½ Hanscom Street, Somerville .....	15
Richard J. Donohoe, 284 Beacon Street, Lowell .....	13
Manuel Gomes, 284 Perry Street, Lowell .....	5
Edward J. Griffin, 71 Swan Street, Everett .....	16
James E. Lamb, 397 Broadway Street, Lowell .....	5
John J. Murphy, 21 Highland Avenue, Somerville .....	10
Edward H. O'Connor, 63 Clare Street, Lowell .....	9
John J. O'Neil, 9 Phillips Street, Lowell .....	3
Robert P. O'Rourke, 34 Fiske Avenue, Somerville .....	8
Blanks .....	47

### Senator, Seventh Middlesex District

Raymond Brennan, 9 Third Street, Lowell .....	45
John W. Buey, 40 Whipple Street, Lowell .....	5
Thomas J. Carlin, 19 Beech Street, Lowell .....	5
Walter J. Cleary, 47 Swift Street, Lowell .....	49
William D. Dacey, 176 Andover Street, Lowell .....	5
Richard T. O'Brien, 58 Willow Street, Lowell .....	26
James T. Sullivan, 57 Pond Street, Lowell .....	35
Thomas C. O'Brien .....	1
Blanks .....	56

### **Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex District**

William M. Carpenter, 37½ Church Street, Woburn .....	57
John P. Cullen, 3 Richmond Park, Woburn .....	60
Richard F. Drew, 110 Salem Street, Reading .....	156
Cecilia A. Mahern, 15 Federal Street, Woburn .....	45
Blanks .....	136

### **Register of Probate and Insolvency, Middlesex County**

Francis E. Burke, 88 Bedford Street, Lexington .....	35
John J. Butler, 6 Bartley Street, Wakefield .....	82
Robert J. Curran, 28 Manet Road, Newton .....	3
George F. Haggerty, 15 Rhodora Street, Lowell .....	8
Florence C. Ramsey, 328A Summer Street, Somerville .....	8
James H. Riley, 155 Methuen Street, Lowell .....	15
Joseph B. Spillane, 47 Munroe Street, Somerville .....	6
Charles Otis Sullivan, 404 Hovey Street, Lowell .....	13
Blanks .....	57

### **County Commissioners, Middlesex County**

Edward J. Barrett, 74 Newton Street, Somerville .....	35
William P. Bennett, 151 Hudson Street, Somerville .....	23
James M. Canney, 100 Fourth Street, Cambridge .....	6
Michael DeLuca, 36 Walker Street, Cambridge .....	9
Joseph B. Doherty, 39 Villa Avenue, Everett .....	44
Francis D. Donahue, 51 Governor Winthrop Road, Somerville ....	10
John J. Donoghue, 148 Summer Street, Somerville .....	6
Howard W. Fitzpatrick, 491 Pleasant Street, Malden .....	45
William R. Griffin, 12 Nesmith Street, Lowell .....	9
Edward L. Harley, 46 Crosby Street, Lowell .....	20
William C. Harrington, 15 By Street, Lowell .....	11
Edmund S. Haverty, 2 Russell Street, Waltham .....	4
Edward J. Lane, 17A Harrison Street, Somerville .....	2
Luke A. Manning, 145 Gray Street, Arlington .....	9
Jeremiah F. Murphy, 45 Enfield Road, Winthrop .....	11
Thomas Murray, 85A Franklin Street, Somerville .....	9
Edward A. Rose, 229 Powder House Boulevard, Somerville .....	22
John J. Shine, 185 Holworthy Street, Cambridge .....	6
Philip A. Sheridan, 11 Russell Terrace, Arlington .....	8
Glenn J. Steeves, 31 Cameron Avenue, Cambridge .....	1
John A. Sweeney, 8 Essex Street, Cambridge .....	5
Joseph Paul Talarico, 32 May Street, Cambridge .....	2
Blanks .....	157

### **County Treasurer, Middlesex County**

John J. Bray, Jr., 49 Linwood Street, Medford .....	42
Cornelius P. Cronin, 45 Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge .....	38
John J. Devine, 47 Houghton Street, Somerville .....	8
James Patrick Dolan, 69 Fulton Street, Lowell .....	17



James H. Duggan, 23 Kingston Street, Somerville .....	7
Thomas F. Mackey, 52 Madison Street, Somerville .....	29
Henry E. Sullivan, 16 Dutton Street, Lowell .....	19
Blanks .....	67

**Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)**

John J. Breen, 83 Beacon Street, Somerville .....	20
John J. Brennan, 39 Cutter Street, Somerville .....	52
James E. Burns, 28 Thorpe Street, Somerville .....	9
John B. Carr, 67 Lowell Street, Somerville .....	7
Robert E. Coughlin, 18 Bleachery Street, Lowell .....	23
John A. Crowley, 106 Beacon Street, Lowell .....	12
Edward L. Ford, 390 Broadway, Cambridge .....	20
Francis J. Greeley, 57 Dimick Street, Somerville .....	16
Stephen A. Murphy, 7 Hildreth Street, Marlborough .....	10
Blanks .....	58

The votes were sorted, counted and declared in open Town Meeting and the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTION

Security Hall, Woburn Street, November 3, 1936.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereon a State and National Election was held at the time and place specified therein and was called to order by Selectman Newell H. Morton. The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, when it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's Return thereon, which was duly read. The ballot boxes were examined and declared empty and the keys were delivered to the Constable in charge, Leon G. Bent. The ballots were delivered to the Selectman in charge and the polls were duly opened and closed at the hours specified in the warrant and the votes counted in open Town Meeting with the following result.

Total number of ballots cast .....	5343
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**Electors for President and Vice-President**

Aiken and Teichert, Socialist Labor Party .....	1
Browder and Ford, Communist Party .....	7
Colvin and Watson, Prohibition Party .....	2
Landon and Knox, Republican Party .....	3793
Lemke and O'Brien, Union Party .....	202
Roosevelt and Garner, Democratic Party .....	1239
Thomas and Nelson, Socialist Party .....	8
Blanks .....	91



## Governor

Fred G. Bushold of Lawrence .....	40
Alfred H. Evans of Northfield .....	10
John W. Haigis of Greenfield .....	3936
Horace I. Hillis of Saugus .....	6
Otis Archer Hood of Boston .....	13
Charles F. Hurley of Cambridge .....	1127
Alfred Baker Lewis of Cambridge .....	7
William H. McMasters of Cambridge .....	126
Blanks .....	78

## Lieutenant-Governor

Henning A. Blomen of Cambridge .....	12
Freeman W. Follett of Haverhill .....	13
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield .....	19
Francis E. Kelly of Boston .....	1120
Leverett Saltonstall of Newton .....	4046
Paul G. Wicks of Greenfield .....	13
Blanks .....	120

## Secretary

Frederic W. Cook of Somerville .....	4177
Ralph Dow of New Bedford .....	12
George L. McGlynn of Springfield .....	10
Mary E. Moore of Boston .....	18
Joseph Santosuosso of Boston .....	958
Blanks .....	168

## Treasurer

Thomas Gilmartin of Boston .....	9
Mabelle M. Groves of Newton .....	14
Harold J. Hatfield of Belmont .....	19
Eva Hoffman of Boston .....	4
James M. Hurley of Marlborough .....	1033
William E. Hurley of Boston .....	4102
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown .....	16
Blanks .....	146

## Auditor

Lyman M. Aldrich of Worcester .....	17
Thomas H. Buckley of Abington .....	1111
Richard Darby of Everett .....	12
Elizabeth Donovan of North Brookfield .....	18
Alfred Haase of Fitchburg .....	6
Walter J. Hogan of Springfield .....	12
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge .....	3960
Blanks .....	207

### Attorney General

Morris Berzon of Everett .....	14
Paul A. Dever of Cambridge .....	1306
Felix Forte of Somerville .....	3820
George F. Hogan of Nahant .....	14
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody .....	7
Michael Tuysuzian of Chelsea .....	9
Blanks .....	173

### Senator in Congress

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston .....	38
Albert Sprague Coolidge of Cambridge .....	16
James M. Curley of Boston .....	923
Ernest L. Dodge of Beverly .....	11
Charles Flaherty of Boston .....	9
Guy M. Gray of Greenfield .....	22
Moses H. Gulesian of Newton .....	11
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. of Beverly .....	3994
Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn .....	8
Thomas C. O'Brien of Boston .....	206
Blanks .....	105

### Congressman, 5th Congressional District

Daniel J. Coughlin of Lowell .....	759
John T. Kevin, Jr. of Reading .....	246
Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell .....	4021
Wilbur F. McCrady of Lowell .....	162
Blanks .....	155

### Councillor, Sixth District

James J. Brennan of Somerville .....	1040
Eugene A. F. Burtnett of Somerville .....	3927
Kenneth W. Frederick of Malden .....	67
Blanks .....	269

### Senator, Seventh Middlesex District

Walter J. Cleary of Lowell .....	1089
Joseph R. Cotton of Lexington .....	4007
Blanks .....	247

### Representatives in the General Court, 18th Middlesex District

William M. Carpenter of Woburn .....	885
Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading .....	3988
John P. Cullen of Woburn .....	777
Gustave W. Everberg of Woburn .....	3579
Blanks .....	1457

### Register of Probate and Insolvency, Middlesex County

Francis E. Burke of Lexington .....	975
Loring P. Jordan of Wakefield .....	4066

Eileen O'Connor Lane of Newton .....	40
Blanks .....	262

#### **County Commissioners, Middlesex County**

Nathaniel I. Bowditch of Framingham .....	3500
Robert Butler of Cambridge .....	39
Howard W. Fitzpatrick of Malden .....	1056
Angelo Massiello of Everett .....	29
Edward A. Rose of Somerville .....	924
Walter C. Wardwell of Cambridge .....	3642
Blanks .....	149

#### **County Treasurer, Middlesex County**

Mary Eubanks of Cambridge .....	35
Charles E. Hatfield of Newton .....	3997
Thomas F. Mackey of Somerville .....	1043
Blanks .....	268

#### **Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)**

Edward L. Ford of Cambridge .....	1053
John R. MacKinnon of Watertown .....	4002
V. Philip Torigian of Cambridge .....	30
Blanks .....	258

#### **Sale of Alcoholic Beverages**

Yes .....	1063
No .....	3662
Blanks .....	618

#### **Sale of Wines and Malt Beverages**

Yes .....	1128
No .....	3549
Blanks .....	666

#### **Sale of Package Liquors**

Yes .....	1476
No .....	3256
Blanks .....	611

#### **Contributory Retirement Systems for Cities and Towns**

Yes .....	1784
No .....	1917
Blanks .....	1642

The votes were counted, sorted and declared in open town meeting and vote was announced at 7 a. m. on Wednesday, November 4, 1936 and meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Middlesex

## CITY OF WOBURN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 125, Chapter 54 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, 1932, Ter. Ed., the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Reading and North Reading, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in Representative District number eighteen within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, November 13, A. D. 1936, being the tenth day succeeding the day of the State Election held on Tuesday, November 3rd, A. D. 1936 and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of representative and determined therefrom that Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading and Gustave W. Everberg of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given for each person, viz:—

William M. Carpenter of Woburn, had	
Six thousand two hundred forty-three .....	(6243)
Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading, had	
Seven thousand five hundred forty .....	(7540)
John P. Cullen of Woburn, had	
Five thousand four hundred eighty-one .....	(5481)
Gustave W. Everberg of Woburn, had	
Seven thousand eight hundred twelve .....	(7812)

In witness whereof, we the City Clerk of Woburn, and the Town Clerks of Reading and North Reading hereunto set our hands this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1936.

WILLIAM E. KANE, City Clerk, Woburn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.

WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN, Town Clerk, North Reading.

Received and recorded, November 13, 1936.

Attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall, Woburn Street, November 30, 1936.

A town meeting was held at time and place as specified in the warrant and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard. The warrant was partially read by Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, whereupon it was moved to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return thereon which was duly read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, to choose any necessary special committees, and determine what instructions will be given Town Officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, any and all real estate acquired by the Town for taxes wherein such title has been perfected by a foreclosure as provided by law, and to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, deeds conveying such property to the purchasers thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 2. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and instructed to sell on such terms and conditions as they may determine, any and all real estate acquired by the Town for taxes wherein such title has been duly perfected as provided by law and that the Selectmen be and they hereby are further authorized, empowered and instructed to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, deeds and such other instruments which may be necessary conveying such property to the purchasers thereof.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 49 of the Acts of 1933 as most recently amended by Chap. 281 of the Acts of 1936, and to appropriate the same for meeting the town's share of the cost of W.P.A. projects or of any other relief projects, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 3. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow for the purpose of meeting the town's share of the cost of W.P.A. projects or of any other relief projects, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) but in no event a sum in excess



of the amount of tax titles taken or held by the town; and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933, as most recently amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1936. The said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of materials and for truck hire and administrative expenses for W.P.A. and other relief projects, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Fifty (50) voted "Yes" and none "No" making it an unanimous vote.

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Soldiers' Relief Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of Albert N. Leman, it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be appropriated from the unexpended balance in Military Aid Account, and the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the unexpended balance in State Aid Account, and transferred to Soldiers' Relief Account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to said account.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty-one cents (\$1,195.81) from Overlay Reserve Account and to transfer said sum to balance Overlay deficits as follows: 1929, \$333.30; 1930, \$344.30; 1931, \$356.40; 1933, \$161.81, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant.

Article 5. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of one thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty-one cents (\$1,195.81) be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Account and transferred to balance deficits in the following Overlay Accounts:

Year	Amount
1929 .....	\$333.30
1930 .....	344.30
1931 .....	356.40
1933 .....	161.81

a total of \$1,195.81 and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums from Overlay Reserve Account to the respective accounts.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Cemetery Trustees to provide an additional plot of ground in Forest Glen Cemetery as they may determine is suitable for the use of Reading Post 62 of American Legion, for the burial of all Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in times of War, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Cemetery Trustees.

Article 6. On motion of Arthur M. Curtin, it was voted that the Cemetery Trustees be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to provide an additional plot of ground in Forest Glen Cemetery as they may determine is suitable for the use of Reading Post 62 of the American Legion, for the burial of all Veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States in times of war.

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the unexpended balance in Public Welfare, Aid, Board and Care Account and transfer to Mothers' Aid Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare.

Article 7. On motion of Edward F. Parker, it was voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated from the unexpended balance in Public Welfare, Aid, Board and Care Account, and transferred to Mothers' Aid Account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the School Department General Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee.

Article 8. On motion of Arthur W. Coolidge, it was voted that the sum of \$1,611.80 be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the School Department Agricultural Salaries Account, \$70.87 from the unexpended balance in the Agricultural Maintenance Account, and \$3,000.00 from the School Department General Salaries Account for the School Department General Maintenance Account and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to the said account.

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the unexpended balance of Library Maintenance Account and transfer to the Library Salaries Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Public Library Trustees.

Article 9. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be appropriated from the unexpended balance of Library Maintenance Account and transferred to Library Salaries Account and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to said account.

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Board of Health, Care of Contagious Diseases Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Health.

Article 10. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) be appropriated from Overlay Reserve Account and transferred to the Board of Health—Care of Contagious Diseases Account, and that of this sum one thous-

and one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$1,137.50) be applied to the payment of Lakeville Hospital School bills of 1932 and 1933, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from Overlay Reserve Account to Board of Health—Care of Contagious Diseases Account.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$400.51, and transfer from said sum \$300.38 to Chap. 90 Construction, State Account, and \$100.13 to Chap. 90 Construction, County Account; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 11. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars and fifty-one cents (\$400.51) be appropriated from the unexpended balance of the Interest Account, and that of this sum, three hundred dollars thirty-eight cents (\$300.38) be transferred to Chapter 90, Construction State Account, and one hundred dollars and thirteen cents (\$100.13) be transferred to Chapter 90, Construction County Account; and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to the respective accounts.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to cancel the unissued balance of the loan authorized by vote of the Town, August 19, 1935 "for the purpose of extending the water system by the installation of an aeration and filtration plant and the necessary appurtenances thereto, in co-operation with the Federal Government under the National Industrial Recovery Act or the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935," or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 12. On motion of Clinton L. Bancroft, it was voted that the unissued balance of fifty-two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$52,250.00) of the ninety-four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$94,250.00) authorized by vote of the town August 19, 1935 "for the purpose of extending the water system of the installation of an aeration and filtration plant and the necessary appurtenances thereto, in co-operation with the Federal Government under the National Industrial Recovery Act or the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935" be cancelled and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to make such entries as are necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Albert L. Leman, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## Recount of Votes Cast for Lieutenant-Governor on November 3, 1936

	Municipal Building, December 3, 1936.	
Henning A. Blomen .....	12	12
Freeman W. Follett .....	13	13
Walter S. Hutchins .....	19	17
Francis E. Kelly .....	1120	1131
Leverett Saltonstall .....	4046	4037
Paul C. Wicks .....	13	9
Blanks .....	120	124
Total .....	5343	5343

The votes were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk whereupon it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

**Your Attention is Called to the Section Below Taken from the Revised  
Laws—Blank Forms for Return of Births Can Be Obtained of  
the Town Clerk**

### SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Section 3. Physicians and Midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child, if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which requests shall be filed with the return of births. The fee of the physicians or midwives shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.



## SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Section 6. Parents and householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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### DOGS LICENSED, JAN. 1, 1936 TO DEC. 31, 1936

460 Males @ \$2.00 .....	\$ 920.00
98 Females @ \$5.00 .....	490.00
192 Spayed Females @ \$2.00 .....	384.00
2 Breeder's Licenses @ \$25.00 .....	50.00
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	\$ 1,844.00
752 License Fees @ 20c .....	\$ 150.40
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Balance Due .....	\$ 1,693.60
April 3, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 255.00
May 8, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	621.80
May 29, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	183.60
July 3, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	300.00
August 2, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	137.40
September 4, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	25.80
October 9, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	70.40
November 6, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	61.20
December 4, 1936, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	34.80
January 8, 1937, Cash paid Town Treasurer .....	3.60
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	\$ 1,693.60

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.



## SPORTING LICENSES

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135 Fishing Licenses .....	\$ 270.00
79 Hunting Licenses .....	158.00
42 Hunting and Fishing Licenses .....	136.50
30 Minors' and Women's Fishing Licenses .....	37.50
7 Trapping Licenses .....	36.75
1 Minor's Trapping License .....	2.25
1 Special 3-day Non-Resident Fishing License .....	1.50
3 Duplicate Licenses .....	1.50
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	\$ 644.00
323 Fees @ 25c .....	73.75
Total to Pay Fish and Game Division .....	\$ 570.25

### Payments

January, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	\$ 45.75
February, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	7.50
March, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	4.75
April, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	121.25
May, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	81.75
June, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	69.00
July, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	39.75
August, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	15.75
September, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	17.50
October, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	148.50
November, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	12.00
December, Paid Fish and Game Commission .....	6.75
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	\$ 570.25

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN READING FOR YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Parents
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## January

1	Virginia Lillian Merrill	George H. and Lillian R.
1	Merritt Winters Skidmore, Jr.	Merritt W. and Dorothy M.
2	Dorothy May Baker	Earle F. and Katherine G.
5	Cynthia May Hawkes	Walter E. and Estella V.
8	Edward Lawrence Dodge	Elmer and Helen M.
10		
25	Joan Bacigalupo	Louis J. and Alice C.
26	Marilyn Susan LeFave	Albine A. and Marie L.
26	Eric Jenkinson Wells	Carl V. and Marjorie J.
27	Arnold Paul Poehler	Arnold F. and Dorothy S.

## Feb.

3	John Edward Fleming	James E. and Mary M.
3	Joseph George Levasseur, Jr.	Joseph G. and Irene D.
3	Willard Brackett Tucker, Jr.	Willard B. and Effie C.
6	Natalie Ruth Zanni	George S. and Eleanor M.
7	Jeanette Alma Robbins	George and Mary M.
8	Elizabeth Vietor	Carl F. and Elizabeth C.
9	Robert Batchelder Ryan	Charles and Frances M.
12	Janet Gail Doucette	Walter and Gertrude P.
12	Beverly Ann Turner	Rudolph and Gertrude D.
13	Peter Griffin	John L. and Elizabeth E.
14	Donald Herridge Pitkin	Victor E. and Margaret H.
16	Robert Lincoln Nelson	Dewey and Ruth B.
18	Eunice Ann Marden	Herbert R. and Dorothy C.
19	Robert Wilfred Doiron	Wilfred H. and Ethel D.
19	Chester Steeves Redpath, Jr.	Chester S. and Blanche W.
19	Nancy Jean Rogers	Wesley A. and Priscilla K.
24	Timothy James Cullinane	Charles M. and Stella C.
27	William Bertram Knowles	Edmund F. and Catherine G

## March

1	Dolores Conti	Arthur A. and Dorothy K.
2	Dorothy Eleanor Jenney	Kenneth E. and Margaret D.
6	Fred Wylder Merritt, Jr.	Fred W. and Mary F.
6	Donald Wesley Owen	Harold L. and Alice A.
9	Jordan	Theodore H. and Myrtle M.
12	Norma Frances Castine	Wilbur F. and Catherine L.

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## March

12	Mary Patricia Weeks	Raymond W. and Eileen F.
13	Donald Harrison Turner	Arthur R. and Doris T.
18	Geraldine Blomerth	Maurice V. and Irma T.
21	Roy Vincent Doucette	Joseph H. and Julia D.
23	Jean Marie Earley	Walter M. and Mary I.
25	David Harvey Martin	James S. and Vera H.
26	Phyllis May D'Entremont	John L. and Virginia B.
27	Kathleen Cornelia Halloran	Martin S. and Alice H.
27	Henry Carleton Milton, Jr.	Henry C. and Gladys F.
28	Frank Fielding Davis	Frank and Leslie P.
30	Sally Jane Wennberg	Albert C. and Dorothy G.

## April

4	Marcia Ann Johnson	Melvin H. and Esther S.
8	James Robert Hamilton	Joseph R. and Mathilda H.
11	Karl Collins Conrey	Karl L. and Winnifred C.
12	Richard Barry Bowers	George F. and Dorothy C.
12	Marilyn Joan Brown	Cyrus A. and Delphine P.
15	Richard Hunter Walwood	George J. and Marjorie H.
17	William Douglas Skinner	William and Vera D.
18	Marilyn Brown	Ernest E. and Evelyn H.
18	Elizabeth Jane Munnis	Eldridge and Edith W.
19	Paul Jeremiah Doucette	Jeremiah and Florence D.
21	Janice Elaine Putnam	Harold W. and Virginia M.
24	Janice Elaine Richardson	Jason E. Jr. and Elsa B.
24	Shirley Madeline White	John A. and Hazel P.
25	Daniel Stanton MacLean Jr.	Daniel S. and Verna V.
25	Patricia Evelyn Nichols	Raymond E. and Minnie M.
29	Joseph Raymond Buxton, Jr.	Joseph R. and Sylvia L.
30	Richard Temple Carter	Forrest E. and Bessie T.
30	Leslie William LeBlanc	Joseph L. and Esther S.

## May

2	Gudiun Charlotte Flater	Harold M. and Bertha Q.
3	John Ballard Miller	Herbert K. and Elizabeth B.
4	Annie Louise Young	Kenneth C. and Winnie E.
12	Richard Donald Kulvin	Samuel W. and Selma G.

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## May

19	Philip Lewis Bancroft	Clinton L. and Ruth B.
19	Charles David Mellen	Paul F. and Helen P.
23	Alan Keith Oliver	George J. and Iris A.
28	Thomas Kenneth Murray	Thomas C. and Mildred G.
31	Eleanore Anderson	Eric A. R. and Minnie W.
31	Marilyn Jean Stott	Lloyd G. and Hazel M.

## June

4	Ethel Menovich	Jack and Fanny C.
10	Marilyn Joyce Rogers	Harold M. and Hattie N.
10	Charles Clayton Winchester, Jr.	Charles C. and Pauline C.
14	June Marion Jarvis	Albert K. and Phoebe H.
14	William Robert Zanni	Dominick and Mary F.
18	Donald Conrad Hansen	Arthur C. and Mildred T.
20	Carol Ann Wendell	John and Eva B.
22	David Edward Wendell	Edwin A. and Catherine D.
23	Martha Fitzgerald	Maurice T. and Pauline D.
26	William Gerald Richardson, Jr.	William G. and Eleanor D.
28	Leo Austin Brissette	Leo J. and Arlene B.
29	Stanley Fielding Maxwell, Jr.	Stanley F. and Dorothy R.

## July

2	Dorothy Eleanor Osborne	Arthur E. and Marion P.
6	Forbes Graham	Duncan and Ellen F.
7	Walter France Hollings, Jr.	Walter F. and Ruth H.
14	Carol Jean White	Harry E. and Nellie H.
30	Richard Arthur Gallant	John A. and Frances D.

## Aug.

2	Linda Long	George B. and Elaine R.
4	Barbara Louise Doucette	Edward H. and Louise L.
6	Barbara Evelyn Richardson	Thomas J. and Wanda W.
8	Barbara Jean Waterhouse	George C. and Alice H.
9	Priscilla Swindell	Lester S. and Ella B.
10	Joan Elizabeth Beers	Robert and Katherine N.
15	Michael Alan Donnelly	James L. and Evelyn G.

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## Aug.

16	Ann Theresa Surette	Rene M. and Emma S.
19	Patricia Elaine Evans	George and Margaret M.
20	Helen Millicent Gill	Richard and Eleanor B.
22	Allen Thomas Coker	William A. and Dorothy C.
22	Sandra Eileen O'Dowd	James F. and Alice G.
22	Marilyn Woodward	Raymond L. and Gladys L.
22	Carolyn Woodward	Raymond L. and Gladys L.
23	Jean Carol Corindia	Cyrus R. and Mabel R.
25	Florence Adele Simonds	Thomas J. and Eleanor C.
27	Patricia Gallant	Ernest E. and Mabel M.
27	Judith Louise Measures	John H. and Katherine W.

## Sept.

2	Brenda Baisley	Charles R. and Dorothy R.
8	Irene Ruth Carleton	Philemon P. Jr., and Dorothea W.
15	John Alan Dirkman	John A. and Lena D.
16	Richard Edward Bell	Fred B. and Marguerite S.
23	Stewart Rowland Swan	Roland and Esther P.
24	Lois Anne D'Entremont	Roger E. and Leone D.
25	Isabelle Ann Surette	Oliver R. and Ruth W.
28	Chester Jones Thieme	Chester H. and Lillian B.
30	Joseph Munroe	William J. and Mary R.

## Oct.

4	Albert John Cameron, Jr.	Albert J. and Isabelle K.
9	Angelina Donato	Joseph and Angelina B.
11	Joan Edna Sullivan	George C. and Eleanor C.
14	Frank Newton Hurt	Adelbert F. and Virginia F.
15	Karl Theodore Nicholson	H. Parker and Virginia T.
17		
17	Ann Coburn	Stanley W. and Elizabeth B.
20	Don Walter Mason	Philip E. and Mary M.

## Nov.

5	Jean Wilhelmina Phillips	Edward A. and Wilmina B.
6	Irene Gertrude Emanuelson	Victor E. and Figrid H.



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Date	Name	Parents
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Nov.

8	David Wallace Gordon	Chester W. and Dora C.
10	Gerald Joseph Surette	John L. and Esther D.
11	Roderick Michael Hogan	Roderick M. and A. Bernardine K.
16	Roger Kent Willard	Elmer B. and Eleanor P.
16	Jacqueline Mae Dunn	Daniel J. and Evelyn S.
17	George Gardner Frost	Edgar L. and Heloise P.
20	Paul Bernard Kussman	Frederick J. and Agnes B.
27	Alan Lauchlan Drew	Lauchlan H. and Bertha H.
29	Robert Allen Meuse	Leslie J. and Margaret F.

Dec.

6	Daniel Joseph Jones	William F. and Marguerite H.
9	William Francis Gallagher	Francis A. and Ethel C.
12	Karen Metcalf	Albion E. and Natalie I.
12	Edward Allen Webb	William P. and Helen T.
14	Maureen Shields	John and Alyce C.
22	Evelyn Burhoe	Richard H. and Eleanor B.
24	Patricia Ann Spencer	Richard J. and Thelma C.
27	Merritt Adams Powers, Jr.	Merritt A. and Rea H.
28	Janet Rose Poore	Harvey P. and Rose D.

## OMISSIONS AND CORRECTIONS FOR OTHER YEARS

1891

Aug. 15	Henry Albert Dyer	Horace E. and Mary S.
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1893

Jan. 4	Loma Ruth Maddox	Samuel C. and Mary M.
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1920

April 26	Donald Ingram Burhoe	Winslow P. and Mary S.
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1935

Dec. 24	Madelon Elizabeth Nelson	Roy T. and Rose R.
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# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
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October 12, 1935

James D. Gorman	26	Machinist	Gloucester
Ethel F. White	21	Bookkeeper	Reading

January

9	Charles Edward Hiltz	49	Embalmer	Reading
	Coletta Eileen Keenan	34	Registered Nurse	Reading
11	Orrin George Colley	25	Merchant	Reading
	Nancy Munro	22	At Home	Marblehead
17	James Richard Sanborn	20	Poultryman	Reading
	Winnifred Anne Christie	23	Bookkeeper	Wakefield
18	Francis Linwood McFadden	28	Bank Teller	Melrose
	Esther Emily Malonson	24	Bank Teller	Reading
21	Joseph Cincotta	35	Merchant	Wakefield
	Marjorie Ardelle Hall	21	At Home	Wakefield
21	Ansel S. Richards	63	Teacher	Reading
	Miriam Elizabeth (Gulledge) Lambert	42	At Home	Reading

February

2	Chester Paul Maleski	22	Marine	Portsmouth, N. H.
	Harriet Marie Maddocks	18	Housework	Reading
7	Kenneth Holden	23	Printer	Reading
	Mary K. Fultz	19	At Home	Reading
8	C. Linwood Young	47	Manager	Rochester, N. H.
	Marion E. Park	40	Secretary	Reading
9	James Walter White	28	Millhand	Reading
	Florence Margeson	21	Housework	North Reading
13	Kenneth W. Colburn	33	Salesman	Reading
	Dorothy G. Mein	23	None	Brockton
29	Robert C. Edgar	32	Engineer	Reading
	Edithe M. Benson	23	None	Chicago, Ill.

March

1	Chester Hamman Thieme	22	Clerk	Reading
	Lillian May Brewster	18	At Home	Medford
2	Arthur Russell Barnes	26	Treasurer	Reading
	Jane E. Potter	23	Assistant Buyer	Wakefield
8	Kenneth Chester Latham	21	Supervisor	Reading
	Edith Marion Hiltz	23	At Home	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
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## April

4	Roger Arnold Kenney	29	Garageman	Reading
	Elizabeth Kinsley	26	At Home	Reading
4	Karl Frederick Miller	23	Automobile Mechanic	Reading
	Marguerite Ellieen Mead	21	Inspector	Wakefield
7	Harry Parker Nicholson	20	Laborer	Reading
	Virginia Temple	22	At Home	Reading
11	Leander Payne Smith	29	Machinist	Reading
	Phyllis Roberta Clark	27	Bookkeeper	Reading
18	Edward Nelson Morand	22	Salesman	Reading
	Phyllis Trevor	23	At Home	Reading
22	William John Knight	22	Laborer	Reading
	Gertrude Alice White	25	Nurse	Reading

## May

15	Joseph Edward Babine	20	P. O. Letter Carrier	Reading
	Mary Edna Roach	20	At Home	Reading
20	Winston T. Matheson	23	Shipper	Malden
	Phyllis Bishop	22	Hair Dresser	Malden
22	Edward H. Doucette	22	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Louise A. LeFave	17	Housekeeper	Reading
23	Paul Roland Hebert	25	Brokerage Clerk	Everett
	Edith Marion Woods	26	Billing Clerk	Reading
24	Jeremiah J. Cullinane, Jr.	23	Garageman	Reading
	Dorothy Louise Nesbitt	23	At Home	Lynnfield
27	John Joseph Brown	26	Mechanic's Helper	Reading
	Mary Myrtle Grove	25	Clerk	Reading

## June

8	Wilfred Melvin Tyler	25	Roofer	Stoneham
	Gladys Marian McCall	23	Clerk	Stoneham
10	Harry Ray Newell	41	None	Reading
	Lillian Florabel Little	27	Clerk	Reading
12	Elmer Goodearl	22	Leather Worker	Wilmington
	Carrie Westcott	19	At Home	Reading
13	Gregory Adams Killam	29	Compositor	Reading
	Ethel Louise Purdy	25	Stenographer	Wakefield
16	Eugene Herman Bronson	25	Clergyman	Reading
	Ruth Smith Parker	22	At Home	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
17	Edward Weston McBrien	55	Janitor	Reading
	Lottie (Evans) Rose	49	At Home	Reading
18	Earl Francis Skidmore	24	Steamfitter's Helper	Reading
	Doris Evelyn Powers	22	At Home	Stoneham
20	Bertram Edgar Hannaford	24	Painter	Stoneham
	Edna Frances Surette	26	Housework	Reading
21	John E. Lane	34	Salesman	Reading
	Hazel Rae Ballou	44	Bookkeeper	Malden
27	Francis Sumner Merritt	23	Artist	Reading
	Priscilla Hardwick	23	Comm. Fashion Artist	Reading
27	George William Richardson	41	Machinist	Reading
	Marie Therriault	22	Bookkeeper	Lawrence
28	Russell Emerson Carter	26	Garageman	Reading
	Ruth Gladys Thorpe	26	At Home	Peabody
28	Kenneth Gerald Swindell	33	Telephone Testman	Everett
	Clara Clementina Huestis	27	Waitress	Everett
29	Floyd S. Potter	27	Clerk	Manchester, N. H.
	Esther D. Johnson	19	At Home	Manchester, N. H.

## July

3	Earl Charles MacPherson	22	Gas Station Attendant	Melrose
	Margaret Ann Smith	19	At Home	Reading
5	Henry Joseph Arsenault	32	Painter	Reading
	Mary Gertrude Doucette	28	Paper Box Worker	Wakefield
5	Talmade Franklin Monk	25	Student	Bay Springs, Miss.
	Josephine Eleanor Langillo	16	At Home	Wakefield
11	Harold M. Traver	25	Bakery Foreman	Albany, N. Y.
	Blodwyn M. Bailey	28	Teacher	Schenectady, N. Y.
16	William James Sumner	27	Laundry Worker	Wilmington
	Margaret Mary Desmond	30	Telephone Operator	Reading
18	Ralph William Marshall	21	Store Manager	Wakefield
	Miriam Wentworth Warren	18	Clerk	Wakefield
20	Howard Goodwin	21	Milkman	Reading
	Margaret E. Howard	25	Attendant	Malden
24	George Towle Gutterson	27	Watchman	Quincy
	Eleanor Elizabeth Miller	19	Maid	Quincy
25	Chester M. Crowell	26	Collection Manager	Boston
	Genevieve Merrill	18	Bookbinder	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
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## July

25	Harry Ruffie Foster, Jr.	22	Engineer	Reading
	Lorraine Beaudry	20	At Home	North Reading
25	Clyde Wilbur Hilton	48	Plant Work	Reading
	Mary Rebecca Pitcher	38	Housework	Reading
25	Walter Augustus Jacobs	59	Insurance	Reading
	Ellen Josephine Willworth	39	Counter Girl	Malden

## August

1	Dana Leon Dow	22	Truck Driver	Reading
	Lora Kelley	18	Waitress	Milo, Maine
1	Clarence Julius McIntire	35	Research Eng.	Glen Falls, N. Y.
	Helen Abbie Anderson	27	Teacher	Reading
1	Reuben Isaac Surette	33	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Irene Victoria Bennett	23	Housework	Wakefield
2	Frank F. Strout	78	Stationary Engineer	Reading
	Ella Ervina Bacheller	70	At Home	Reading
5	William D. Watters	34	Machinist	Reading
	Doris Dexter Davis	34	Salesgirl	Wakefield
8	Leon E. Moody	24	Chemist	Providence, R. I.
	Eleanor M. Quigley	22	Clerk	Reading
9	John Joseph Doherty	30	Salesman	Reading
	Dorothy Marie Buckley	23	Cashier	Boston
15	Robert Grosvenor Currier	25	Clerk	Cambridge
	Ruth Folsom	24	At Home	Reading
15	Walter Edwin Garland	37	Switch Board Oper.	Stoneham
	Marion Emily Graustein	28	At Home	Reading
15	Albert J. Schneider	31	Engineer	Reading
	Doris Josephine Cutcliffe	32	Secretary	Reading
27	Lloyd Livingtone Hook	33	Garageman	Reading
	Dorothy Buttler (Dyer)			
	Boyce	23	Clerk	Reading
28	Edward Preston Batchelder	27	Teacher	Reading
	Marguerite Neville	26	Knitting Instr.	North Andover
29	John L. Wilson	28	Salesman	Reading
	Marjorie Hoffman	24	At Home	Manchester, N. H.
29	William Theodore Zimmer	25	Salesman	Providence, R. I.
	Barbara Towle Nutter	26	At Home	Reading



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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
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## Sept.

30	Joseph Walter Barrett	20	Laborer	Reading
	Eleanor Joyce Braddock	19	Clerk	Salem, N. H.
30	Joseph Patrick Doherty	23	Clerk	Reading
	Rita Mary Ainsworth	22	Stenographer	Reading

## September

1	Leroy Wright Merritt	19	Farmer	Reading
	Florence Virginia Murphy	20	At Home	Epping, N. H.
3	John Cincotta	45	Expressman	North Reading
	Raffael (Tollarino) Carella	42	Housework	North Reading
3	James Alexander Richmond	20	Poultryman	Reading
	Lois Myrtle Fleming	20	Stenographer	Reading
5	Vincent Harold Cooke	21	Chauffeur	Woburn
	Mildred Edith Robinson	19	Clerk	Stoneham
5	Fred Elwell Graham	26	Mechanic	Lynn
	Anna Mary Glaeser	25	Clerk	Reading
5	George Alvin Cotreau	29	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Mary Ann Surette	32	Housework	Reading
5	Caleb Wroe Wolfe	27	Recreational Director	Reading
	Cornelia Ella Cell	27	School Teacher	Reading
9	Walter R. Fearon	30	Poultry Farm	North Reading
	Gertrude E. Marr	25	Housework	Reading
12	Denton Marshall Locke	24	Lumber Business	Reading
	Barbara Gould	23	At Home	Wakefield
19	Fred Eugene Farnum, Jr.	22	Salesman	Reading
	Earline Austin	23	Private Secretary	Reading
19	Charles A. Reese	55	Physician	Mattapan, Mass.
	Helen (Raymond) Barrett	41	Music Teacher	Brookline, N. Y.
20	William Collenes	26	Assistant Manager	Malden
	Marguerite C. Weafer	23	Nurse	Reading
20	Lionel Strout Nichols	24	Clerk	Reading
	Margaret Alice Curran	22	Waitress	Wakefield
23	Clarence Joseph White	23	Chef	Reading
	Olive Augusta Smith	22	Clerk	North Reading
27	Alfonso B. Gromyko	22	Truckman	Reading
	Agnes M. (Sypher) Clark	43	At Home	Reading

## October

1	George Henry Mercier	21	Butler	Boston
	Dorothy Lillian Maybury	18	Maid	Reading

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
4	Joseph Alfred DeAngelis	24	Electrician	Stoneham
	Dorothy Gertrude Hayes	24	At Home	Reading
10	Ralph Edward Bemister	27	Clerk	Reading
	Alice Mae Barrett	27	Clerk	Reading
10	Angus J. MacPhee	45	Mechanic	North Reading
	Edith L. Cox	38	Clerk	North Reading
10	Lawrence Arthur Partelow	28	Assistant Supt.	Reading
	Dorothy Adele Cummings	25	Secretary	Reading
10	James Smart Perry	23	Mechanic	Reading
	Carol Conant Stevens	22	Clerk	Reading
16	Charles Leonard Smith	21	Brush Worker	Reading
	Frances Villa	19	Millhand	Wakefield
17	Robert Samuel Cowdrey	23	Clerk	Arlington
	Anna Marion Reck	22	At Home	Reading
18	John Francis Cummings	39	Tree Worker	Reading
	Effie Frances Scanlon	32	Necktie Worker	Reading
18	Francis William Ellis	27	Shoe Worker	Reading
	Rita Margaret Hill	19	At Home	Wakefield
18	Joseph P. Luce	31	Carpenter	Reading
	Mary E. Rowland	37	At Home	Reading
22	Charles H. Soule	47	Carpenter	Woburn
	Eva M. Webb	41	At Home	Reading
24	William Edward Burpee	24	Engineer	Reading
	Thelma McClintock	26	Clerk	Reading
24	Napoleon Voudrin, Jr.	35	Foreman	Reading
	Catherine Donnelly	27	At Home	West Springfield
26	W. Stewart Alward	31	Factory Worker	Reading
	Lillian Lucille Sanborn	28	Factory Worker	Woburn
31	William Kelter Read	27	Automobile Mechanic	Reading
	Pearl Thelma MacDonald	25	Bookkeeper	Reading

## November

8	John Lawrence Frontin	27	Factory Worker	Reading
	Mary Angela LeBlanc	23	At Home	Reading
14	Herbert Allen Fowler	24	Oil Burner Business	Reading
	Gertrude Anna Wright	23	At Home	Reading
15	Clarence Charles Graf	48	Mfg. Representative	Reading
	Lora Standish Leathe	44	Bookkeeper	Reading

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
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## November

15	Joseph William Whitmore	23	Salesman	Somerville
	Eleanor Jane Dearborn	22	Housekeeper	Somerville
21	James Ernest Merrow	24	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Catherine Gertrude Scully	18	Weaver	Malden
22	Albert Jesse Penney	21	Steel Worker	Salem, N. H.
	Anna Marie Dulong	18	At Home	Reading
25	Edwin Oscar Lundberg	27	Painter	Lynnfield
	Ruth Caroline Lindquist	20	Clerk	Reading
26	Peter Ferriara	28	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
	Florence Meuse	27	Stitcher	Reading
28	Alfred Edward Collella	20	Laborer	Stoneham
	Edith Louise Moore	19	At Home	Reading
28	Herbert E. Dickinson	28	Track Man	Reading
	Helen I. Eldredge	26	Clerk	Wakefield

## December

5	Charles H. Strout	33	Builder	Reading
	Alice May Goodwin	23	Bookkeeper	Reading
5	Aymar Hovey Taber	30	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Evelyn Louise Goodale	29	Bank Clerk	Waltham
5	Russell H. Bridges	25	Osteopathic Physician	Reading
	K. Doris Martinage	26	Bookkeeper	Methuen
6	Joseph Antonio Bonanno	29	Chauffeur	Reading
	Carnella Rapino	21	At Home	East Boston
24	Chester Alton Ewing	29	Engineer	Boston
	Jean Sweetland	24	Teacher	Reading
26	Thomas Leo Richard	36	Chauffeur	North Reading
	Lenora I. (Barrett) Sirard	29	At Home	North Reading
28	Everett Sandford Knight	49	Cabinet Maker	Lisbon Falls, Me.
	Ethel Rebecca Murray	57	Practical Nurse	Reading

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
November 15, 1906					
	James A. Robinson	55	—	—	Railroad Accident
March 26, 1932					
	Mary Sarette	30	6	24	Tuberculosis
January					
2	Charles F. Brown	87	2	12	Hemorrhage
5	Rose (Ward) Toale	69	—	—	Thrombosis
10					
14	Elia De Marchi	71	—	—	Hemorrhage
20	Patricia Dolliver	3	10	—	Anaemia
20	Effie D. (Dunton) Watts	41	9	8	Carcinoma
22	James Wheaton Allen	69	10	—	Pneumonia
23	Ursula (Froten) Oldfield	40	4	—	Appendicitis
24	Seward E. Dill	67	5	10	Angina Pectoris
24	James D. MacKay	58	4	13	Angina Pectoris
28	Walter E. O'Connell	45	—	—	Encephalitis
29	Mary L. Brown	0	8	23	Microcephalus
February					
1	Henry Hartwell	58	8	29	Pneumonia
2	Stephen Martin	46	5	14	Heart Disease
2	Joseph H. Westcott	69	2	—	Heart Disease
6	Charles Barney	74	1	5	Carcinoma
6	Theresa Ann (McKekron) Carey	42	—	—	Hemorrhage
19	Wendell Irving Bancroft	60	5	8	Heart Disease
23	William Lex	58	—	—	Heart Disease
25	Charles Lang	48	6	3	Hemorrhage
26	Emma Louise (Hoffman) Dane	90	0	30	Edema
28	Audrey F. Lowell	15	8	5	Automobile Accident
29	Lyle Delong	26	7	—	Pneumonia
29	Lewis C. Raymond	78	7	10	Diabetes

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
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## March

9					
14	Thomas Parkman Lennox	74	3	4	Carcinoma
16	Sarah J. (Doucet) Doucette	71	1	21	Pneumonia
18	Henry W. Webber	80	9	19	Cancer
19	Richard Maguire	61	2	24	Tuberculosis
19	Alma Parker (Hanley) Wakefield	81	1	19	Myocarditis
27	Harley Lindsay Prentiss	68	0	3	Bronchitis

## April

1	Mary (Moore) Cook	79	—	—	Carcinoma
6	Frank Buck	76	11	13	Arterio Sclerosis
6	Leonard G. Nichols	48	5	19	Asphyxiation
7	Hattie (Lewis) Swett	69	7	12	Gas Poisoning
11	Melvin Henry Meuse	38	9	10	Heart Disease
12	George O. Copeland	56	2	27	Thrombosis
12	Alpha Toussaint	41	—	—	Carcinoma
13	William Labou	75	5	26	Arterio Sclerosis
13	Mary Elizabeth (Day) Totten	82	10	2	Heart Disease
16	James J. Doucette	44	—	—	Automobile Accident
22	Jennie (Bosson) Hatch	36	1	27	Intestinal Obstruction
24	Walter F. White	5	7	3	Tumor

## May

1	Mary (Hayes) O'Brien	67	—	—	Pneumonia
8	Nellie F. (Russell) Corbett	76	2	8	Asthma
11	Loretta E. Ployer	7	6	22	Nephritis
15	Elizabeth (Doucette) Doucette	78	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
15	Christine (Jonson) Johnson	66	8	10	Heart Disease
24	James Webb	46	1	21	Carcinomatosis
27	Arthur Dodge	9	—	—	Appendicitis
27	Annie (Hannafin) Kelley	82	7	27	Carcinoma



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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
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## June

1	Forest T. Staples	69	—	—	Pneumonia
2	Emily (Hartshorne) Long	61	8	25	Carcinoma
5	Emma Porter (French)				
	Raymond	80	6	—	Carcinoma
7	Cora F. (Hunter) McIntire	71	3	23	Pyonephrolithiasis
9	Webster Eames	79	10	14	Carcinoma
12	Beatrice Turenne	39	11	10	Tuberculosis
19	Henry J. McMahon	40	0	2	Abscess
19	Louise S. Wilson	31	4	—	Embolism
23	George S. Merriam	64	8	25	Carcinoma
29	William S. Badger	56	3	6	Carcinoma
29	Emma J. (Damrell) Moulton	72	—	—	Myocarditis

## July

1	Frank S. Jarvis	56	10	9	Thrombosis
2	Arthur Kenny Lowell	48	0	20	Pericarditis
5	Eva S. (Lewis) Stone	83	5	1	Hemorrhage
6	John L. Pickett	32	7	21	Automobile
					Accident
6	Evelyn T. White	20	10	—	Intestinal
					Obstruction
11	Thomas Hoyston O'Neill	70	10	24	Carcinoma
11	Carl C. Prince	42	7	19	Heart Disease
14	Harold F. Clark	43	11	13	Ulcer
19	David C. Grimm	74	9	11	Hemorrhage
19	Albert R. Kezer	66	7	29	Pneumonia
22	Margery Ellen (Young)				Intestinal
	Harrow	75	3	8	Obstrucion
22	Susan (Hussey) Morse	92	7	11	Arterio Sclerosis
23	Althelia Olive Higgins	65	9	30	Endocarditis
27	Alvah W. Clark	82	1	16	Heart Disease
29	Olivia A. (Perry) Wheaton	38	—	—	Hemorrhage

## August

1	Elizabeth R. (McGuire)				
	Smith	72	9	9	Carcinoma
7	Viola A. (Hale) Fleming	85	5	21	Accidental Fall

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
August					
7	George B. Griffiths	79	—	—	Heart Disease
7	Gerald O'Brien	32	—	—	Automobile Accident
10	Rena E. Brown	22	2	30	Poison
10	Dorothy M. (Hodson) Wooldridge	47	9	30	Carcinoma
11	Charles Bruorton	85	8	28	Myocarditis
14	Ellen M. (Bradeen) Green	88	10	21	Carcinoma
15	Robert Gaw	58	10	11	Heart Disease
15	Daniel J. Lehan	32	—	—	Carcinoma
18	Richard McKinley	67	10	—	Diabetes Mellitus
22	George M. Davis	68	2	9	Thrombosis
27					
29	Albert E. Merrill	49	6	7	Heart Disease
September					
9	Annie Eliza (Thirkell) Patrick	64	8	29	Hemorrhage
10	Emily M. (Trull) Eames	81	3	18	Myocarditis
10	Elizabeth (Fitzgerald) Galvin	77	—	—	Hemorrhage
12	Nellie Louise (Newhall) Leavis	74	11	0	Cardio-Renal Disease
21	Hinda (Leretsky) Shrider	75	—	—	Myocarditis
26	Edward Judicial Smith	38	1	24	Tuberculosis
28	Margaret Ann (Flaherty) Canty	80	9	2	Embolism
29	Charles A. Greenleaf	73	0	23	Hemorrhage
29	Marie Julia (Morris) Rogers	34	1	—	Carcinoma
October					
2	Zetta (Currier) Clough	83	10	5	Thrombosis
5	Leon A. Bassett	55	2	4	Accidental Fall
8	John W. White	66	9	6	Carcinoma
9	Mary Frances (Beard) Hale	78	3	16	Carcinoma
10	Cornelia (Bancroft) Damon	79	8	—	Myocarditis
11	James Albert Bliss	62	7	25	Diabetes Mellitus
15	Alice C. (Cushing) Reed	77	9	20	Hemorrhage
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# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1936

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
24	Nora T. (Collins) Phair	66	4	23	Hemorrhage
28	Sadie May (Brooks) Roach	44	4	28	Paralysis of Bladder
31	Mary E. (Amsden) Brown	84	3	26	Heart Disease
November					
2	George Mayo	72	—	—	Cardio-Renal Disease
2	Charles H. Nichols	82	9	22	Pneumonia
6	Annie Herima (Newmarkle) Whipling	79	7	2	Arterio Sclerosis
10	Margaret E. (Kelley) McKenney	69	—	—	Myocarditis
13					
16	Washington Wallace Buxton	85	2	19	Carcinoma
18	Arthur Eliot Payson	76	10	20	Carcinoma
20	Charles E. Blood	70	1	5	Hemorrhage
29	Joseph C. Sullivan	43	9	—	Nephritis
December					
1	Jennie M. (Sawyer) Wilkinson	78	3	7	Heart Disease
2	Allie Bertha (Whitton) Richardson	65	0	23	Carcinoma
3	John Joseph Galvin	73	—	—	Hemorrhage
4	Benjamin W. Gonnarn	78	—	—	Myocarditis
6	Jane F. (Smith) Deering	84	2	22	Hemorrhage
10	Arthur T. McKay	71	5	13	Hemorrhage
13	Nellie C. (Wightman) Nason	75	11	13	Heart Disease
16	Elizabeth (Barber) O'Neill	76	6	21	Sclerosis
16	John Edward Thornton	34	5	—	Hemorrhage
19	Mary (Ferrick) Thornton	67	—	—	Hemorrhage
21	Effie D. (Boice) Baton	67	7	24	Hemorrhage
21	Edwin G. Clarke	72	10	27	Thrombosis
25	Linnie L. (Lake) Potter	73	5	20	Thrombosis
29	Joseph MacCaughy	64	8	8	Tuberculosis
31	George M. Hutchinson	69	5	12	Pneumonia

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1936 is submitted herewith.

At the first meeting held on March 3, 1936 the Board organized as follows:

Albert N. Leman, Chairman  
Newell H. Morton, Secretary  
J. Warren Killam, Jr.

Regular meetings were held throughout the year along with several special meetings.

### Appointments made in 1936

Town Accountant—Three years—Leon G. Bent.

Soldiers' Relief Agent—Forest H. Bryant.

Finance Committee: Appointed—Three years—Robert B. Mount, Louis Davis, Frank M. Merrill, Charles F. Trevor, Jemima L. Wellman. Appointed Robert M. Folsom—two years—A. Alden Goldsmith was appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Robert B. Mount.

Member of Board of Registrars—Three years—Owen McKenney.

Board of Appeal—Three years—Benjamin B. Piper.

Associate Member Board of Appeal—Three years—Herbert T. Schoppelry.

Commissioner of Trust Funds—six years—Clarence C. White.

Sealer of Weights & Measures—Carl M. Smith.

Gas Inspector—David Taggart.

Inspector of Animals—Bernard Schimpfke.

Dog Officer—Charles H. Melendy.

Inspector of Building—A. Russell Barnes.

Supt. of Moth Work—Henry M. Donegan.

Burial Agent, Soldiers & Sailors—Alfred E. Goodwin.

Custodian of Soldiers' Graves—Harry A. Turner.

Reading Safety Council—Albert C. Graupner, Alfred B. Pearson, Eva S. Higgins, Earle H. Chapin, Lyman E. Pratt, Forrest B. Eames, Daniel J. Desmond, Charles R. Herrick, Inez Kimball, Charles Stratton, Marion L. Allard, Allan D. MacKillop.

Forest Warden—Orville O. Ordway.

Keeper of the Lock-up—Jeremiah Cullinane.

Supt. of Fire Alarm and Inspector of Wires—Hugh L. Eames.

Weighers of Coal & Hay—Thomas E. Brogan, Charles W. Lee, Mabel L. MacKay, Bertha D. MacLellan, Wendell B. Newell, Charles N. Sweetser, Percy N. Sweetser.

Field Drivers—Arthur W. Bancroft, Adolph S. Larson, Edward E. Nichols.

Fence Viewers—Wendell B. Newell, Carl B. Sawyer, Albert E. Temple.

Committee on Elm Tree Protection—Andrew Christensen, Henry M. Donegan, John F. Sawyer.

Committee on Town Forest—three years—Henry M. Donegan.

Publicity Committee—Logan R. Dickie, H. Raymond Johnson, W. Fletcher Twombly.

### Special Police Officers

John F. Maguire	Reading High School
J. Fred Richardson	Prospect St. School
Sylvanus Thompson	Lowell St. School
Edward McBrien	Center and Union Schools
Walter Smith	Junior High School
James L. Healey	Highland School
Henry W. Bryden	Junior High School
Wm. H. Killam	Municipal Building and Library
Frank F. Strout	Pumping Station
George O. Flanders	B. & M. R. R.
Ralph F. Plouff	
William P. Pierpont	
William H. Manning	
Charles H. Melendy	
Gardner A. Perry	
Edward Stuart	American Legion Quarters
Robert O. Chesley	Unitarian Church and Community Hall
Thomas F. Classen	
Sidney Frederick	Sewerage Pumping Station and vicinity
Forest H. Bryant	Town Farm
Edward E. Harnden	Town Farm
Sterling W. Powell	Town Farm
Charles L. Gowing, Jr.	Reading Theatre
Fred Riessle	Junior High School
Daniel J. O'Keefe	Town Dump
J. Edward Black	
Herbert F. Carter	

Although the Board regretted to do so, it was mandatory to retire Chief Orville O. Ordway of the fire department since the town has accepted the State Retirement Law for policemen and firemen.

The town is indebted to Chief Ordway for his long and faithful service.

Captain Hugh L. Eames, who has been a member of the fire department since 1913, was appointed Chief.

Albert C. Maxwell was appointed Inspector of Wires to succeed Hugh L. Eames.



## **Police Department**

Believing the patrol car a valuable addition to the department and the necessity for having it in the best of shape, a new car was purchased again this year.

It is the Board's recommendation that a new car be purchased every year, so extensively is the car used.

Two Reserve Officers were again given regular duty throughout the year. These have now become a necessary fixture and the possibility of making them permanent officers should be considered.

## **Safety**

Helpful suggestions from time to time were rendered by the Safety Council and many of these were carried out.

The many railroad crossings and the traffic on our Main Street have been the chief problems before the Board this past year.

The Board has entertained railroad officials and made recommendations regarding the Willow Street, Woburn Street and Washington Street crossings, and also the pedestrian crossing at the Reading depot.

Government projects have been drawn up pertaining to the leveling of the grade at Willow Street crossing and increasing visibility for approaching autoists. Certain complications have thus far held up these propositions.

The traffic problem, especially in the square, is one of our gravest problems, not only from the point of view of safety, but also convenience to our merchants. It would seem that traffic control by lights should be given careful consideration.

In conjunction with the traffic problem is the ever increasing parking problem. An offer of land for parking in the rear of the Pfau block on Main Street has been given our attention.

## **Fire Department**

The town must consider soon the purchase of a new ladder truck. The present one has been in operation since 1916 and many of the ladders are holdovers from the old horse-drawn wagon.

The advisability of increasing the call force is another point for consideration.

Occasion might arise when several call men would be out of town at one time, and the number already is none too many, when the operation of our five pieces of apparatus is considered.

## **Tree and Moth Department**

The Board continued to advocate the planting of shade trees, which are one of our biggest assets for beautifying our residential areas.

To protect the trees new spraying equipment will have to be purchased to supplant those machines now worn out and inadequate.

The Board has been and still is sponsoring tree trimming and pest extermination projects under the W. P. A.

## **Fire Alarm**

A new repeater for the system was purchased and installed which puts the fire alarm in good working order. The new equipment is housed in the vault at the Central Fire Station, insuring it against possible damage by fire or dampness. Heretofore the operations were in the attic.

A new fire alarm truck was purchased and is in working order.

As new dwellings spring up, the need for fire alarm boxes arises, and the Board recommends the purchase of new boxes. Several of the old boxes also need replacement.

## **Hearings**

Besides numerous routine hearings on storage of gasoline in family garages, there were two hearings as a result of applications for gasoline stations.

A license was granted for a station in Post Office Square at the junction of Ash and Main Streets by a two to one vote, thereby reversing the decision of previous years.

By way of explanation, practically all of the previous objections had been removed and there is apparently no fire or safety hazard to be created by putting a station at this location.

The other application concerned the installing of pumps at the tire shop next to the Gulf Station on So. Main Street. This application was withdrawn on advice of counsel while the hearing was in progress.

Two other licenses were granted following hearings involving the installation of new pumps at stations already being operated.

At a hearing for keeping and storing gasoline in cars at a body repair shop at the corner of So. Main and Minot Streets, there was considerable opposition. As the area is zoned for business and no fire or other hazard would be created, the license was granted.

Most of the objection was to noise that might come from such an establishment. This hearing brings out the advisability of changing our zoning laws so that situations where possible public nuisances can be constructed in residential districts will be eliminated.

Following a hearing of another nature, permits were granted for billboards to be erected advertising new dwellings in the town. Although there was some opposition to these, the Board felt that inasmuch as they were only temporary fixtures, and because the town should encourage the building of new homes, the signs might be erected.

## **Publicity**

The Board sponsored an attractive booklet entitled "An Invitation to Reading—An Ideal Home Town," which was originated and effected by the Publicity Committee of Logan R. Dickie, H. Raymond Johnson and W. Fletcher Twombly.

Letters from all parts of the country were received requesting copies. The excellent sketches, along with brief but enticing descriptions made this original undertaking an unquestionable success.

Following up the booklet, the Board at the request of local Real Estate Men allowed signs to be posted about the town, directing tourists to the various new developments.

### **Dumps**

The annual town meeting accepted the State law preventing rubbish of any kind to be transported on the public way without a permit.

Through this means, the Board was able to better control the growing public nuisance of private dumps.

Several dumps were cleaned up, but it requires the co-operation of every citizen to make this law truly effective.

It being the first year the law was in operation, the Board was very lenient in granting permits for dumping in lands other than the town dump.

However, with the purchase of all the land on the east side of the Willow Rd. this side of the Wakefield line making dumping facilities more accessible, it will probably be expedient to use more discrimination in granting special permits this year.

### **Odors**

Another nuisance which has come up again this year are objectionable odors purported to come from manufacturing plants in the area of North Woburn.

The matter has been taken up with both the local and State Boards of Health, and the State Board made a report on the action they had taken. As long as the odors have not been taken care of, your Board intends to keep after the matter until a satisfactory solution has been attained.

### **W. P. A.**

This year saw the responsibility of the Works Progress Administration shifting back to the local administrators again and the Board of Public Welfare set up as a certifying agency for those applying for work.

The Board again had charge of the Special Fund of \$25,000 appropriated at town meeting late last year for materials on projects, and through the splendid co-operation of the other town Boards, the money was able to last until late this year, when another like sum was raised at a special town meeting.

The Board again maintained the office of Sponsors' Agent, with a secretary to keep a closer touch with the Federal office.

Special supervisors on projects have been maintained to insure the proper fulfillment of the projects.

### **Buildings**

The W. P. A. office was again maintained at the Town Farm Building on Pearl Street, which was also used for the sewing and canning projects. The Board of Welfare also maintains its administrative office there. Hence at a minimum of expense this old building was overhauled, and now houses all our relief agencies.

The Board also rented two stores on Haven Street, one for the recreation project, and the other to store and distribute commodities manufactured or sold through the W. P. A. The latter is due to the overcrowded conditions at the Town Farm Building, and any doubt about the former can be dispelled by the number of children that can be seen there daily intensely interested in some game or craft work.

As can be observed, the town is cramped for space and it is probable that in the not too far distant future, a new building or an annex to our present municipal building will have to be constructed.

The Board wishes to express their appreciation for the co-operation of other Boards, and of the various officers during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen.

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### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

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Reading, Mass., January 2, 1937

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department of Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1936.

Arrests for the year 1936—315.

Males 309, females 6; residents 132; non residents 185; adults 278; minors 39; American born 272; foreign 45.

#### **Causes of Arrests**

Assault and Battery, 7; Larceny, 2; Warrants for out-of-town officers, 3; Insane, 3; Drunkenness, 159; Operating under the influence of liquor, 15; Breaking and entering, 3; Illegitimacy, 1; Violating the auto laws, 85; Non-support, 4; Vagrancy, 1; Capias, 5; Non-payment, of wages, 1; Carnal abuse, 1; Stubborn child, 1; Habitual truant, 2; Violating parole, 1; Runaway, 1; Driving so as to endanger, 5; Hit-and-run, 4; False name, 1; Manslaughter, 1; Failure to restrain dog, 1; No license to sell cattle, 1.

#### **Disposition of Cases in Court**

Fined, 74; Filed, 32; Released, 122; Continued, 13; Turned over to out-of-town officers, 13; Discharged, 19; Held for Grand Jury, 6; Probation, 2; Appealed, 4; House of Correction, 7; House of Correction suspended, 13; State Hospital, Danvers, 3; State Prison, 1; Shirley School suspended, 1; Lyman School suspended, 2; Dismissed for lack



of prosecution, 1; State Hospital at Tewksbury, 1; Children's Aid Society, 1.

#### **Amount of Fines Imposed by Court**

47 at \$5.00 each, \$235.00; 16 at \$10.00 each, \$160.00; 3 at \$15.00 each, \$45.00; 1 at \$20.00 each, \$20.00; 1 at \$25.00 each, \$25.00; 3 at \$30.00 each, \$90.00; 2 at \$35.00 each, \$70.00; 1 at \$50.00 each, \$50.00.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Cases investigated, 585; automobile accidents, 129; guarding pay-rolls, 61; put ups, 103; buildings found open and secured, 72; dogs shot by officers, 7; cats shot by officers, 2; special messages delivered after hours, 21; children lost and found and turned over to parents, 26; windows found open and secured, 10; wires found and reported, 8; street lights out and reported, 84; old people found straying away from home picked up and returned to their homes, 3; fires reported by officers, 6; defective street and sidewalks, 9; summons delivered, 93; dead bodies taken care of, 4; water main leaks found and reported, 4; property reported stolen, \$4,632.50; property recovered, \$3,775.00; persons injured in accidents taken to doctors, 80; persons injured in accidents taken to hospitals, 29; fatal accidents, 6; ambulance made the following runs to hospitals: New England Sanatorium, 6; Winchester, 38; Mass. General, 28; Mass. Memorial, 6; Choate Memorial, 47; Haymarket Relief, 1; Private Hospital Reading, 13; Private Hospital Boston, 1; Malden City, 2; Melrose Hospital, 9; Carney Hospital, 11; Danvers State Hospital, 2; Saint Elizabeth Hospital, 2; Tewksbury State, 7; Osteopathic Hospital, 4; Baker Memorial, 6; Deaconess Hospital, 1; Boston City Hospital, 1; Peter Bent Brigham, 2; U. S. Naval, 1; Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Memorial Hospital, Fall River, Mass., 1; Salem Hospital 1; Faulkner Hospital 1, covering 5,420 miles. Cruiser car starts out at 8 p. m., puts up at 5 a. m. going all night to all parts of the town with a radio in car. Teletype at station so that desk man can get the car in two minutes.

#### **Conclusion**

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of our District Court, the Clerks of our Court, our local Press and all others who assisted in promoting the welfare of this department, also the members of the force for what they have done.

#### **Recommendation**

I wish to recommend the installation of a Two-Way System of Radio Communication in this department.

This system will allow the Cruiser and the Station to contact each other at all times. It will allow the Cruiser to call the Station for instructions or additional help while at an accident or while on other police duties.

Total cost of this system for the first year will be \$1,500.00 and thereafter will cost \$600.00 per year.



Private line to Arlington—per year .....	\$ 257.40
Arlington Broadcasting Service—per year .....	300.00
Receiving and Sending Sets for Car .....	645.00
Receiving Set at Station .....	250.00
Estimate for repairs first year .....	47.60
Total .....	<u>\$1500.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 JEREMIAH CULLINANE,  
 Chief of Police, Reading, Mass.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
 Gentlemen:

The 1936 report of the Chief of the Fire Department is herewith submitted.

### Manual Force

The manual force of the department consists of 9 permanent men, including the chief, and 21 call men.

### Changes During Year

Due to a retirement law which was passed Chief Orville O. Ordway was retired and placed on pension October first and the undersigned was appointed chief of the department October second.

I have made the following appointments: Deputy Chief John J. O'Brien; Captain, William H. VanHorn; Lieutenant, Frank L. McKenney; and Elmer A. Dykens, permanent man.

## MEMORIAM

ALBERT E. MERRILL

Joined Fire Department August 27, 1906

Died August 29, 1936

### **Apparatus**

At the Central Fire Station are located a 1929 Hudson sedan for the use of the chief; Engine 1 a 1000-gallon per min. Seagrave pumping engine with a 100-gallon booster tank which was purchased in 1934; Engine 3 a 600-gallon per min. Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1929 with an 80-gallon booster tank; Engine 4 which is used for brush fires and has a 85-gallon booster tank, a 100-gallon per min. portable pump and carries 2700 feet of 1½ inch hose; Ladder 1 which was purchased in 1916. This truck is equipped with a 40-gallon chemical tank and carries 342 feet of ladder. The original motor was replaced with a second-hand White motor after 1000 miles and the longest ladders were taken from the old horse-drawn truck, one is 30 years old and two are 25. These ladders are unreliable and the apparatus is not dependable.

### **Instruction**

Regular department drills have been held during the summer months and six men have graduated from the Arlington Fire School which is conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of Vocational Training. Here they are instructed in standard fire methods by the best instructors obtainable.

### **Inspections and Permits**

Permits have been issued for the storage of 46,140 gallons of fuel oil in connection with 172 range and 124 heater burners. There are now recorded a total of 2,039 oil burners of which 1367 are range burners and 672 heater burners.

11 blasting and 4 alcohol permits have been issued; also 6 for the sale of fireworks.

The business and manufacturing establishments, public halls and schools have been inspected and any fire or life hazards ordered removed.

### **Flood Duty**

Aid was rendered to Lawrence and Andover during the March floods. Engine 3 was on this duty 86 hours.

### **Fire Record**

The department has responded to 71 bell and 246 still alarms, a total of 317.

Value of property endangered .....	\$104,800.00
Insurance on same .....	47,800.00
Loss .....	7,652.00
Insurance Paid .....	5,947.25
Uninsured Loss .....	1,704.75
Miles apparatus traveled .....	4,515.4
Feet of 2½ inch hose laid .....	9,800
Feet of 1½ inch hose laid .....	18,900
Feet of 1 inch hose laid .....	3,350

Feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hose laid .....	1,800
Feet of ladder raised .....	370
Booster tanks used .....	29
3-gallon "Pony" extinguishers used .....	13
3-gallon Foam extinguishers used .....	2
1 quart Carbon-Tetrachloride extinguishers used .....	5

#### **Recommendations**

I recommend an increase in the permanent force and the replacement of Ladder one this year.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion I wish to thank your Honorable Board for the co-operation received, the members of the department for the able manner in which they have performed their duties, to other town departments for services rendered and to the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the prompt and efficient transmission of emergency calls to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,

Chief of the Fire Department.

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### **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Forest Fire Warden is herewith submitted.

The department has responded to 152 grass and brush fires the greater number of which have been of careless or malicious origin.

I have appointed the following deputy wardens: Henry M. Donegan, Deputy Chief John J. O'Brien, and Captain William H. VanHorn.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,

Forest Fire Warden.

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### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year of 1936:

Five boxes were added to the system this year, one of which was presented to the town by one of our public spirited citizens.

It was necessary to extend the underground cables on Main Street from Charles to Locust and the necessary changes were made to new poles.

The 4-circuit Stevens fire alarm repeater which was installed in

1898 was replaced with a Bills repeater with 10 box circuits and 6 alarm circuits and is a great improvement to the reliability of the system. This was installed in the fire-proof vault on the second floor of the Central Fire Station and is reasonably secure from the danger of fire.

A one-half ton panel truck was purchased for this department to replace the 1928 coupe which had passed its usefulness.

I recommend that a new switchboard be placed in the fire-proof vault with the repeater as the present board is inadequate and is located in the attic of the central station where the danger of a fire which would cripple the system is very great.

Also there is the need of more fire alarm boxes as there are many sections of the town a long distance from a box.

I wish to thank your board for their co-operation and to all who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,  
HUGH L. EAMES,  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

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## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Inspector of Wires for the year of 1936:

Number of inspections, 331. Complaints received and investigated, 3. Wiring condemned, 1. Complaints against electricians to State Examiners of Electricians, 4. New buildings wired, 39. Old buildings, 3. Additional wiring, 58. Oil burners, 88. Gasoline pumps, 11. Ranges, 43. Signs, 13. Transformers, 20. Air compressors, 3. Air conditioning, 3. Motors, 12. Blowers, 2. Heat regulators, 7.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,  
HUGH L. EAMES,  
Inspector of Wires.

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## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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Regular meetings of the Board have been held throughout the year on Friday evenings at the Municipal Building. Special meetings have been held at various times and the Board has been represented by one or more of its members at various local and metropolitan hearings.

As in the years immediately past, the Map Project has been one of the first concerns of the Board and is now nearing completion.

Early in the year it had reached the stage where it could be used as a basis for studies for an orderly development of the Town. To aid in correlating and applying the data accumulated in the development of the Map, the Board considered it necessary to continue to employ Professor Frederick Adams of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as a consultant. With Professor Adams' aid, studies have been made showing in graphic form, land use throughout the town, assessed values, locations of public buildings, public lands and parks. In conjunction with these, tentative studies have been made of the street system in its relation to traffic, parking and future development.

As these studies developed, the Board felt that advantages could be obtained by making somewhat extensive changes in the existing zoning by-law, by relocation of the zoning lines and by changes in the permitted uses within the respective zones. Consequently, the Board, after considerable study and numerous consultations with Professor Adams, prepared a tentative amendment to the zoning by-law. This proposed amendment makes no fundamental changes in the present law except as to the location of zoning lines and the permitted uses within the respective zones. The tentative amendment and accompanying zoning map were published in the Reading Chronicle early in January. Since that time the Board has conferred with members of a number of organizations in town for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendment. Criticisms and suggestions expressed at these meetings have been recorded and are being considered by the Board and will be either incorporated in the final recommendations of the Board with respect to the law or rejected as undesirable.

In the main, the scheme of the proposed by-law is to zone the northern end of the town into acre lots, to zone the intermediate area between the acre lots and the center of the town into one-half acre lots and to zone the more densely populated area in the center of the town into lots of 7,000 square feet as in the present law.

The Board feels that a number of advantages will result from this type of zoning. It will tend to promote an orderly development of the town, radiating from the center. The various public services such as streets, water mains, police and fire protection and school facilities will develop gradually from the center of the town and the cost of these services will be much less to the town than if there are sporadic developments scattered over the undeveloped areas of the town. This type of zoning will also tend to prevent the building of undesirable dwellings either alone or in groups. Even though such building is not completely eliminated, the number of such dwellings will be greatly reduced in a given area because of the lot size required. The Board also believes that this type of zoning will establish Reading as an attractive community in which to live and thus attract to the town a substantial number of desirable citizens, with the result that in a com-



paratively short period, persons owning undeveloped land in the town will profit materially because of the enhanced value of their land.

As the town develops, if a well considered plan of development of an area zoned for half acre or acre lots is presented, the Board believes that the lot restrictions may need to be modified.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. WHITE  
WINTHROP D. PARKER  
CLARK S. ROBINSON  
SHERBURNE J. WATTS  
McPHERSON DANIEL

Planning Board.

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

Seven petitions for variations of the application of the Zoning By-Law were presented to this Board during 1936, all of which were granted.

Full reports of all cases were filed with the Town Clerk, as provided by law, which reports are open to public inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY Q. MILLETT, Chairman  
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary  
BENJAMIN B. PIPER

Board of Appeal.

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## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1936.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:

56 new one family dwellings at an estimated cost of .....	257,400
27 alterations and additions to dwellings at an estimated cost of .....	24,855
23 new private garages at an estimated cost of .....	6,260
2 new storage buildings	
1 new office	
4 new hen houses	
1 new auto paint shop	
10 alterations and additions to various buildings	

Estimated cost of above buildings ..... 17,530  
Total estimated cost of all new and remodelled buildings for

the past year ..... \$ 306,045  
Total number of permits granted 124.  
Fees received for building permits \$358.50.

Respectfully submitted

A. RUSSELL BARNES

Building Inspector.

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## REPORT OF READING TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

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December 10, 1936

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

This is the sixth year of development of the Town Forest.

The trees have put on a wonderful growth this year, and there is a lot of work in cutting sprouts, that should be done this spring.

On May 2 a fire was started by some careless person and we lost about fifteen hundred trees which were set out five years ago.

We set in one thousand trees a few days after the fire, with the aid of the welfare, to replace the ones that were burnt.

We recommend that the Town of Reading purchase, or obtain adjoining property of the forest for use in its further development, as it would add to the beauty of the forest.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Chairman.

LELAND KINGMAN

HENRY DONEGAN

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DUTCH ELM DISEASE

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Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1936.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Dutch Elm Disease Committee which was appointed some time ago has kept in close contact with the conditions and finds that the trees in Reading show no indications of this disease thus far.

We are keeping in close contact with reports as they come in from other sections and feel quite certain that we will be able to keep our trees in the splendid condition that they have been in for a long time.

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

HENRY M. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

Committee on Elm Tree Protection.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1936

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent for the year 1936.

I have planted about one hundred trees on the roadside the past year and with a great deal of care they survived the dry summer.

The tree trimming project has done very good work and should be continued.

The elm tree beetles have been very bad the past season and will need a lot of spraying the coming year. The gypsy and browntail moths require the usual attention.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY M. DONEGAN,

Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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The following is a report of the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in the town of Reading for the year 1936.

As is generally known, this is a county institution carried on by the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture, appointed by the County Commissioners for the development of agriculture and homemaking in Middlesex County. Each town is represented by a director appointed by the Trustees. These services are free to every citizen of the county. Headquarters are maintained at 19 Everett Street, Concord, where a staff of agents trained in their particular field is available upon request.

The Reading Poultry Association held five meetings at the Reading Town Hall with a full attendance of one hundred and thirty-two. A small group from this Association has held a Genetics course at the Town Hall. This course included eight weekly lessons which were given by Mr. Bennett from the Essex County Agricultural School. Fourteen farmers took up this course. For the fruit growers spray warning cards have been sent to all those interested and suggestions given for the material to use and the time of application for the control of the various insect and fungus troubles of the orchardist. Many farm visits were made in the town upon request, particularly to poultrymen.

General information was sent out to all poultrymen in town, as well as those interested in home gardens.

Eight groups of homemakers from different parts of the town completed the Extension Service course in home furnishings and five enrolled in the nutrition course on Building Healthy Children. This course was summarized by a Food Demonstration held on the subject, Giving Your Family Their Just Desserts. At the June Festival held in Lexington, a Reading group put on a very attractive folk dance and another group sang a special number. Sixty-seven women attended this meeting, the largest representation from any town in the county. Reading has been used as a center for leader training meetings for a number of years. During the summer meetings were conducted in re-finishing and reupholstery. In addition to the regular project work, many homemakers receive timely information through the letters sent out monthly to young mothers and other homemakers.

Girls' Club Work was efficiently directed by Mrs. Herbert L. Henderson, 4-H Town Chairman. Members of her committee were Mrs. Charles Parks, Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. Elmer Batchelder and Mrs. Roger Gale. A meeting of the town committee was called in the fall and again in the spring to plan for club work. The town committee was very helpful in securing local leaders. The clothing project was the major interest in 4-H work among the girls. Forty-one girls were enrolled in clothing. Six very successful clothing clubs were led by the following local leaders: Mrs. Harry U. Camp, Mrs. Stanley Bailey, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Leonard Nichols, Mrs. John O'Brien, Mrs. C. Stratton, Miss Alta Stewart, Miss Helen Sargent. Miss Alta Stewart's club of seven girls had a record of a banner club with every member completing 100%.

A 4-H Officers' Training School was held in November. A local rally was well attended in January. The 4-H Clubs entertained the Grange on May tenth with an exhibit and program. The exhibits, in charge of Mrs. Herbert Henderson, were judged by 4-H leaders from Stoneham. Miss Marion Forbes, state club leader, was a guest. An excellent program under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Nichols, was furnished by the clubs. Six girls from Reading entered the sectional dress contest. Elsie Mason, a member of Mrs. O'Brien's club, attended Camp Middlesex. Allie Benton and Barbara Marshall were awarded the two-day trip to the State College. Eighteen girls and two boys received instruction in canning under the leadership of Mrs. Catherine Dissell. The class met at the junior high foods laboratory. The club exhibited at the home of the leader, and also sent a club exhibit of twenty-four jars to the Groton Fair where it received honorable mention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MacDOUGALL.

## REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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Reading Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

The work of the Publicity Committee for the Town of Reading, appointed by your Board for the purpose of disseminating information with respect to the advantages of Reading as a residential community, has been to continue and develop the plan as outlined in the report of last year.

You will remember, at that time, the first edition of the promotional booklet had been completed. This was accomplished through the co-operation of the following organizations which underwrote the cost: American Legion, Reading Post No. 62; Knights of Columbus, Reading Council No. 1031; Mishawum Associates; Neighborhood Betterment Association; Northern Residents Association; Reading Board of Trade; Reading Rotary Club and Security Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F.

The fact that so artistic a booklet could be produced was due to the effort and work of H. Boylston Dummer of Rockport and Mrs. Charlotte C. Ware. Credit is also due to Albert N. Leman and Logan R. Dickie for the idea, plan, layout and copy; to Gordon Smith for the lettering; to art advisors Louis Babine and F. L. King; Reading W. P. A. Historical Survey No. 4159 for the information and to the Reading Chronicle Press for the printing.

The first edition of 2,000 copies was distributed to the sponsoring organizations and the first distribution of the booklet was obtained through the members of these groups.

Following this, a meeting was called of the various business men and organizations of the town, to determine the number of books that could be distributed through these various agencies. A large number of books were subscribed at this meeting and following this, a canvass was made of the town's business men to complete this survey.

As a result of this effort it seemed advisable to print a second edition of 13,000 copies. This was done and the books delivered to those who had signified their intention of subscribing. The price was just slightly above cost, a small margin being allowed to take care of any emergency costs.

At the present time there have been distributed a total of 14,609 copies for which a sufficient sum has been paid to defray the total cost of the publication of the publicity booklet, leaving on hand 491 copies which will be used by the town in further development of the idea of publicising the Town of Reading.

At the town meeting in March 1936 the sum of \$300 was appropriated for the use of the publicity committee in their work of distributing this booklet and for developmental work.

The first step taken was to develop a selected list of prospects



and for this purpose, names were selected of persons living in communities from which Reading had drawn for the most part during the past few years, and names chosen of those who were living in apartments and paying at least \$50 per month in rent. This was done because it was felt that such persons would be more likely to be contemplating the purchase or construction of a home and were looking for homesites.

To this list was sent a mailing, consisting of a letter from the Selectmen, a reprint of an article by Louis Lyons which appeared in the Boston Globe and an offer to mail the booklet "An Ideal Home Town" provided they were sufficiently interested to request this booklet.

While the response was adequate it was not considered sufficient to warrant any further expenditure along this line, and therefore, no further mailings were made. The sum of \$98.20 was used in this mailing, and for printing a business directory to send prospects inquiring for specific services, which leaves a balance of \$201.80 which was returned to the town since it was considered that the distribution through the merchants and the townspeople, together with the large amount of publicity obtained for this campaign in the daily press was building up the sort of publicity desired and was adequate for the purpose without any further stimulation.

Booklets were placed in the Boston City Club, the Chamber of Commerce, University Club, hotels and other clubs and organizations in metropolitan Boston.

It is impossible to estimate the publicity obtained in the Boston papers by and through the booklet. Almost every Boston paper gave a large amount of space to the project while the Christian Science Monitor sent out a photographer to take additional pictures of the town which were used in connection with an article on the campaign to the extent of almost an entire page. Such publicity can not be purchased and because of its position and news value is of inestimable value.

Results of the campaign can hardly be expressed in figures since it is apparent that the good accomplished by this publicity will continue to be felt for several years to come. The idea implanted in many minds, of Reading as an ideal home town, will continue to bear fruit for some time to come.

There are figures available, however, that tend to show the direct results already realized, at least in part, by this campaign of publicity. The following table shows more clearly than words what has been happening since this campaign first was started:

	1936	1935	1934
No. permits granted by Building Inspector .....	124	89	71
Permits for new one-family houses	56	27	11
Value of above permits .....	\$ 257,400	\$ 121,100	\$ 42,300

Permits for alterations and additions .....

Permits for alterations and additions .....	23	11	11
Value of above permits .....	\$ 24,855	\$ 7,085	\$ 6,375
Value of all other permits granted	\$ 23,790	\$ 30,730	\$ 26,460
Total value of building permits	\$ 306,045	\$ 158,915	\$ 75,135

While the values given on the Building Inspector's permits are indicative of the building taking place, the real criterion is in the accessible real estate added to the assessors books and while only an estimate is available, as yet for the year 1937, this estimate which is admittedly conservative shows an increase in real estate value of \$186,780 over the year 1936, giving the town a total valuation of real estate alone of \$15,750,000.

It is the hope of your committee that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the project you desired has been carried out in the manner that has brought credit and lasting benefit to the town. There is certainly a veritable building boom in town and it is a difficult task to determine how much exactly is due to the publicity campaign and how much to the improvement in conditions and other factors beyond the control of your committee.

Your committee feels that the best interests of the town would be served by completing the distribution of the booklets and returning to the town the unexpended balance of the money appropriated. It should be realized that the town is indebted to all those who purchased the booklets for they are the ones who have borne the cost of the project. When it is considered that over 14,000 booklets have been distributed at a cost to the town of less than \$100, it is evident how much is due to the aid and support of various organizations and individuals.

We wish to thank you, as well as all organizations and individuals, for the co-operation and support given this committee in its work and in relinquishing its duties to hope that this campaign has not only been of immediate but of lasting value to the Town of Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Logan R. Dickie, Chairman

H. Raymond Johnson

W. F. Twombly

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND FOOD

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To the Honorable Board of Health,  
Town of Reading,  
Gentlemen:

The inspection of the local milk supply and its various sources has been concluded for this year and I can report to you at this time that never has it been in a better condition. For the past few years the inspection of the producing and handling of the milk has been stressed,

and today the results of the same are shown. With a very few exceptions conditions are very satisfactory and I think that these few exceptions will be remedied this coming year.

There were twenty-four inspections of barns and dairies made this year.

The inspections of the stores, restaurants, bakeries and road-side stands have been concluded for the year and in nearly all cases have been found satisfactory. Where conditions were found that were unsatisfactory or contrary to the regulations, they have been remedied. There were forty-two inspections made.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,

Inspector of Milk and Food.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading,  
Gentlemen:

The following is a tabulation of all work completed in the Town of Reading for the year 1936 by this department.

Work performed from Dec. 1, 1935 to Dec. 31, 1936

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Cond.
1. Scales—				
Platform, over 5,000 lbs. . .	3	3		
Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs. . .	6	9		
Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs. . .	5	7		
Counter, under 100 lbs. ....	9	20		
Beam, 100 to 5,000 lbs. ....	1	1		
Spring, 100 to 5,000 lbs. ....	2	5	1	
Spring, under 100 lbs. ....	15	38		2
Computing, under 100 lbs. .	17	32		
2. Weights—				
Avoirdupois .....		90		
3. Volumetric Measures—				
Liquid Measures .....		11		
Dry Measures .....		4		
4. Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices—				
Gasoline Pumps .....	15	70	3	
Stops on Pumps .....	21	69		
5. Linear Measures—				
Yard Sticks .....		3		
Totals .....	94	362	4	2

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up for Sale.

Commodity	Total No.	No.	Incorrect	
	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread .....	32	22	2	8
Butter .....	14	11	1	2
Coal, paper bags .....	10	6	0	4
Dry Commodities .....	64	52	4	8
Flour .....	8	6	0	2
Fruits and Vegetables ....	16	12	2	2
Grain and Feed .....	6	6		
Ice .....	6	1	1	4
Liquid Commodities .....	24	24		
Meats and Provisions ....	14	10	2	2
Potatoes .....	24	8	10	6
	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	218	158	22	38

Inspections made—

Paper and fibre cartons, 2.  
 Pedler's licenses, 4.  
 Marking of bread, 6.  
 Coal in paper bags, 2.  
 Clinical thermometers, 2.  
 Pedler's scales, 4.  
 Ice scales, 2.  
 Junk scales, 2.

Tests made—

Approved paper cartons, 6.  
 Retests of gasoline devices after sealing, 10.

From the above tabulation of work accomplished you can readily see that all of the scales, weights, and measures in town have been inspected and sealed or condemned, also from the inspections made that the conditions are very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health,  
 Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1936.  
 Number of Permits granted ..... 160  
 Number of Fixtures installed ..... 603

Bath tubs .....	87
Lavatories .....	116
Closets .....	124
Sinks .....	90
Wash trays .....	119
Boilers .....	59
Showers .....	8

I have made 328 inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID TAGGART,

Inspector of Plumbing.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:—

There were one hundred eighteen contagious cases reported during the year 1936.

Anterior Poliomyelitis .....	2
Chicken Pox .....	16
Dog Bite .....	18
Measles .....	13
Scarlet Fever .....	55
Tuberculosis .....	8
Whooping Cough .....	6
Number of deaths .....	91
Male .....	45
Females .....	46
1 was between .....	90 and 100
15 were between .....	80 and 90
29 were between .....	70 and 80
19 were between .....	60 and 70
6 were between .....	50 and 60
13 were between .....	40 and 50
6 were between .....	30 and 40
2 were between .....	1 and 20

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M. D.

R. B. SHEPARDSON, M. D.

C. F. ATKINSON

Board of Health



## DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

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December 31, 1936

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer to December 31, 1936.

I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs were licensed.

Unlicensed and strayed dogs have been found and disposed of as follows:

184 have been destroyed.

11 returned to owners.

1 case was prosecuted and fined.

2 restraining orders served.

6 cases of dogs killing hens (235 hens killed).

351 complaints investigated.

26 dogs killed by autos.

20 persons bitten by dogs.

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and the Court for their assistance to me.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MELENDY,

Dog Officer.

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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January 18, 1937

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1936.

On January 1, 1937 there were approximately 572 head of meat animals in the town.

The number of animals inspected were:

Cattle ..... 174

Swine ..... 386

Goats ..... 12

There were 24 cases of dog bites reported and of this number one dog was affected with the rabies. However, there was another rabid dog in the town but he did not bite anyone. The persons bitten and those exposed to the infection were given the Pasteur treatment. All dogs known to have had contact and those suspected of having had contact with the rabid animals were quarantined.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD SCHIMPFKE.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Reading Public Library submit the following report for the year ended December 31, 1936.

### Organization of the Board

The Board organized for the year by the election of Mr. Barclay as Chairman and Mr. Fletcher as Secretary. Standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Accounts: The Board of Trustees.

On Books: Mrs. Tirrell, Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Hedges.

On Building and Grounds: Messrs Morton, Barclay and Fletcher.

On Work with Children: Mrs. Tirrell, Mr. Fletcher and Mrs. Hedges.

### Expenses of the Library

The condensed financial statement follows:

Appropriation, direct tax, 1936.

Salaries .....	\$ 4,800.00	
Transferred from Maintenance Account (by vote of the town Nov. 30, 1936) ....	50.00	\$ 4,850.00
Maintenance .....	\$ 2,800.00	.
Restored from Library Special Account ....	22.60	
Interest from Trust Funds .....	76.50	
	\$ 2,899.10	
Less Transferred to Salary Account .....	50.00	2,849.10
		\$ 7,699.10

### Expended

Salaries: Librarian, Assistants and Janitor .....	\$ 4,850.00
Books and Periodicals, including rebinding .....	2,019.28
Printing, Stationery, etc. ....	144.78
Fuel, light, water and sewer .....	363.83
Repairs and furnishings .....	163.07
Telephone .....	44.64
Insurance .....	85.42
All other expenses .....	17.80
	\$ 7,688.82
Balance Unexpended and Returned to Revenue:	
On Salaries .....	0.00
On Maintenance .....	10.28
	\$ 7,699.10

### Receipts

Fines collected (includ. one out-of-town borrower) .....	\$	502.35
Paid to Town Treasurer .....		502.35
	\$	0.00

### Statistics 1936

Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1936		19,460
Volumes bought:		
Adult fiction .....	483	
Adult non-fiction .....	461	
		944
Juvenile fiction .....	172	
Juvenile non-fiction .....	64	
		236
Reference .....	50	1,230
Received by gift, Mass. ....	4	
Received by gift, U. S. ....	0	
Received by gift, others ....	47	51
Total .....		20,741
Withdrawn during the year .....		537
Total number of volumes, Dec. 31, 1936 .....		20,204
Circulation for home use, adult .....	70,446	
Circulation for home use, juvenile .....	21,064	
Total circulation in 1936 .....		91,510
Total circulation in 1935 .....		82,160
Gain in 1936 .....		9,350
Largest monthly circulation October .....		8,728
Smallest monthly circulation June .....		7,299
New borrowers registered, adult .....		354
New borrowers registered, juvenile .....	220	
Total new borrowers registered .....		574
Total new borrowers registered during past years .....		3,141
Number of days the Library was open .....		303
Average daily circulation, adult .....		232
Average daily circulation, juvenile .....		69.5
Volumes deposited in schools .....		297
Borrowed from neighboring Libraries .....		24
Loaned neighboring Libraries .....		10

The circulation of books for home use showed an unexpected increase and this continued throughout the year but largest increase during the fall months. This year's circulation was 91,510, a consistently steady increase since 1927 when it was 34,895 with the exception of the years 1934 and 1935 when it was 87,406 and 82,160, a falling off of 955 and 5,246 from the year 1933 when it was 88,361.

This year with 9,350 volumes increase is a record circulation. After school hours the library is crowded with readers and students demanding help in their reference work. It is the desire of the librarian to keep the reading rooms sufficiently quiet so those beyond High School age may enjoy them also; but at times it is a little difficult to accomplish.

Under the direction of Miss Grace of the Highland School assisted by Miss Nora Carney of the library staff, the examinations for State Certificates for Reading was continued and in June at Assembly at the Highland School Mr. Fletcher, Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees, awarded one hundred and seventy-five, five-book certificates and thirty-five honor certificates to pupils of the fourth to eighth grades.

On Wednesday afternoons in the summer Miss Turner, Children's Librarian told stories in the Children's Room with an average attendance of nineteen. Miss Thelma Ralston and Miss Mildred Wheeler each gave their services telling stories for one afternoon while Miss Turner was away on her vacation.

In March during the annual drive for books for the Merchant Marine ninety-five books and some magazines were brought to the library and forwarded to the Boston Headquarters.

The library was assisted by a W. P. A. binding project under Mrs. Catherine Burns which bound 329 worn books. In August a new double bookcase gave opportunity to rearrange many of the books and some of the old never-used fiction was discarded or removed to the store-room so the books are now less crowded and in better sequence than formerly.

In the showcase has been exhibited old books and documents belonging to the library, also blankets, picture-postals and photographs loaned by Miss Louise Jenkins; picture-postals and photographs loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Bessie Stevens; a collection of bayonets and another of old powder flasks, bullet molds and flints loaned by Mr. Maurice Proctor.

The library has been given by the Reading Society of Craftsmen, a framed Japanese print "Three Ladies in the Rain" by Torii Kiyonaga; a colored geological map of Essex County by Mr. W. P. Adden; a mounted map of the Harold Parker Forest by Mr. DeMelle Garey, and a large number of book marks with library hours on them by the Reading Co-operative and Mechanics Savings Banks.

In comparing the 1936 statistics with the "Library Standards in Outline" issued by the Division of Public Libraries we find the Read-

ing Library, while the library appropriation and hours of opening are less than the minimum recommended, has a per capita circulation of more than the minimum. When finances allow the library hours should be increased.

The accumulated receipts from the Horace G. Wadlin Trust Fund for the years 1934-1935-1936 amounting to \$76.50 was used toward the purchase of the reference books Encyclopedia Americana.

This year the library was the recipient of a Trust Fund of \$1700.00 from the Estate of Ella F. Wadlin the proceeds of which will be used for the purchase of books.

#### Budget for 1937

In accordance with the requirements of the General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 59 the Board of Library Trustees of the Reading Public Library submit the following detailed estimate of the amounts necessary for the proper maintenance of the Public Library for the fiscal year 1937.

Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer .....	\$ 400.00
Printing and Supplies .....	150.00
Books, Periodicals, Binding .....	2,050.00
Maintenance and Repairs .....	200.00
Insurance .....	86.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures .....	114.00
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	\$ 3,000.00
Salaries .....	\$ 5,120.00
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Total Appropriations Requested .....	\$ 8,120.00
as against an appropriation of 1936 of .....	7,600.00
and in 1935 of .....	7,600.00

An income of \$450.00 is estimated from the Fine Account for 1937.

Two vacancies on the Board of Trustees are to be filed at the annual town meeting, the terms of Jesse W. Morton and Warren L. Fletcher expiring.

The Trustees acknowledge the faithful services of Librarian Miss Bertha L. Brown, Assistant Librarian Miss Grace J. Abbott and Miss Rebecca Turner and all the Assistants.

JESSE W. MORTON  
HARRY J. BARCLAY, Chairman  
WARREN L. FLETCHER, Secretary  
HELEN PARKER TIRRELL  
LOUIS M. LYONS  
ISABELLE G. HEDGES

Adopted as the report of the Trustees.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1936

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The reports of the Superintendent of Cemeteries, Mr. William P. Pierpont, which cover the work in detail of the Department, and approved by the Trustees, are appended.

There have been no changes on the Board during the year. Mr. Philip H. Tirrell and Mr. Clarence C. White have served as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The terms of Mr. Frank L. Edgerley and Mr. Fred L. Nutter expire in March 1937. It is hoped that they will consent to serve again.

In reviewing the work of the year, we are impressed by the continued improvement in the condition of both cemeteries. One of the most gratifying things is the steady increase in the number of old lots placed under perpetual care in Laurel Hill Cemetery, which provides income to keep these lots in good condition at all times. It is our hope that other owners of lots will consider this important feature, so that the improvement of the cemetery will continue. We are also impressed with the improvement shown in the general appearance of the cemetery by loaming and seeding the gravel paths, which in time will have the appearance of a green lawn with stepping stones. The new dump truck purchased this season has been of great assistance and given more efficient service, so that we feel that this expenditure was well justified.

We would call attention to the W. P. A. Project in Forest Glen Cemetery, which was started on November 13th, under which it is planned to dig over the land south of the Main Entrance at Pearl street, including two areas of 2,620 square yards to a depth of five feet below finished grade; building two avenues, one running east and west and the other north and south, and the laying of a water main. When this section is completed it is the intention to extend the project to the hill, where land will be set aside for the burial of War Veterans. In the future this project will also include further extension to the west boundary and then directly north to complete land that has been filled in, so that this work, with the section already developed, will complete approximately one-half of the cemetery.

Under the efficient management of the Superintendent, the trees and shrubbery have been kept in excellent condition, and we feel that both cemeteries have reached a very high standard.

Respectfully, submitted,

PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Chairman.  
CLARENCE C. WHITE, Secretary.  
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY

WINTHROP D. PARKER  
FRED L. NUTTER  
HAROLD F. DAVIS  
Board of Cemetery Trustees.

## LAUREL HILL CEMETERY REPORT 1936

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To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my ninth annual report of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The grass cutting started April 24th and ended October 16th. Perpetual care lots were fertilized in the spring. Hedges and shrubs were trimmed, trees pruned and all dead wood removed. Leaves were raked in the fall and everything done that goes with the upkeep of the cemetery.

This cemetery is closed as far as any further extension. All remaining land has been laid out into lots and at the rate they are selling, will be sold out in two or three years. We have on hand at this time, thirty, two-grave lots; sixteen four-grave lots; five six-grave lots; and seven eight-grave lots. All lots sold include perpetual care. This year we sold thirteen lots and four single graves.

It is gratifying to note that each season shows a steady increase in the number of old lots placed under perpetual care. The cost is now figured on a basis whereby sufficient funds are being deposited to keep the lots in good condition at all times. Perpetual care is the one important feature that should be considered by owners of lots under annual or without care. A lot may be taken care of for a few years, but when the family becomes scattered, the heirs have but little interest and the lot will eventually come into a state of neglect, unless some provision under perpetual care is made. Nine old lots and one single grave were placed under perpetual care and one lot had an additional amount added, this season. I wish to thank all those who have put perpetual care on their lots and look forward to the time when practically the entire cemetery will receive equal and satisfactory attention.

There were seventy-seven interments during the year. Twenty-three monument and thirty-two marker foundations were built. Eighty-six sunken graves were repaired and nineteen winter graves seeded in the spring. Twenty-three lots were reloaded and seeded. In earlier days, several lots in the cemetery were enclosed with an iron fence, but as time went on, they deteriorated and were removed. We removed one this year, thus leaving only one in the entire cemetery.

Several paths were loaded and seeded this season. Next year this work will be completed and all gravel paths will have the appearance of a green lawn. Three hundred and eighty-four stepping stones and eight hundred cement markers were made and several were replaced in lots.

The dump truck purchased this season has given wonderful service and eliminated considerable expense of the old truck.

This covers in detail the work in Laurel Hill in 1936. The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,

Superintendent.

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## FOREST GLEN CEMETERY REPORT 1936

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To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

In addition to the regular maintenance work, three hundred loads of filling were hauled to the northwest section of the cemetery. A stone drain was also built to take care of the drainage at this point.

Numbers were set in thirty-eight additional four grave lots. All corner markers and numbers were replaced where needed and six hydrants were made for the extension of water. We sold one lot and had one interment. One sunken grave was repaired and one marker foundation built.

Forest Glen shows improvement each year with its trees and shrubs, ivy plantings along the wall; and its beautiful landscape makes an ideal spot for a Cemetery. While the lots in this Cemetery have been selling slowly, in the near future all lots purchased will be here, as very few lots are left to sell in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

A W. P. A. Project was started on November 13th, to dig over the land south of the Main Entrance at Pearl Street, including two areas of 2,620 square yards to a depth of five feet below finished grade; building two macadam avenues eighteen feet wide, one running east and west and the other north and south, and the laying of a water main.

While digging over the land with a gas shovel, many large boulders were removed to the road bed and considerable ledge was encountered. This had to be drilled and blasted, which slowed up the progress of the work. When this section is completed, it is the intention to extend the project to the hill where land will be set aside for the burial of War Veterans. It is hoped that the War Memorial will be erected on this hill.

This Project will also include further extension to the west boundary, then directly north to complete land that has been filled in, making a distance of five hundred feet on the west boundary to Forest Glen Road. When this work is completed, approximately one-half of the Cemetery will be developed. This seems to be an opportune time to do this, while the relief work is being carried on by the Federal Gov-

ernment; and it will be a great saving to the Town, as no further development will be needed for a great many years. It will also improve the Cemetery to such an extent that lots will be much more salable.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,

Superintendent.

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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Dispensing of relief by Boards of Welfare in Massachusetts is made under three heads, namely, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief, usually referred to as Aid, Board and Care.

In reviewing the activity of the Reading Board for the past year it is necessary to keep in mind these divisions, since the laws of the Commonwealth vary considerably regarding them. New Federal legislation also has a very important bearing on Old Age Assistance and during the coming year such legislation will also affect Aid to Dependent Children, previously known as Mother's Aid.

Mr. Harnden has had charge of Old Age Assistance and has made a report which, if read, should satisfy taxpayers that expenditures for aged people have been wise and helpful. It should be noted that the actual cost to the town has been only about \$9,300 though a much larger amount was expended. Under new Federal laws towns are reimbursed to a considerable extent for expenditures for Old Age Assistance and such receipts must be used by us for that kind of relief only. Therefore in preparing the budget for the coming year, after determining expenditures which the town must make it is possible to estimate certain reimbursements which can be used to offset probable expenditures and reduce the appropriation called for to a figure considerably less than that which will be actually spent. Authorities are very strict in determining the eligibility of cases and in checking accounting practices, and the fact that our claims for reimbursement from the Government have been allowed practically in toto during the past year would appear to indicate that relief has been legally and properly administered. Of the amount expended by the Department which is not reimbursed by the Government, a considerable portion is paid back by the State, but this amount is not available during the year, or later, for expenditure for relief, but becomes a general receipt which goes into the Town Treasury and is considered by the Assessors in figuring the tax rate. In figuring \$9,300 as the cost for Old Age Assistance for



the year this amount received from the State has been used. The important fact for taxpayers to remember is that in no other Department of the town is it necessary to figure on an appropriation which actually exceeds to a large extent the net amount which the town itself has to pay out. So when welfare appropriations loom large at the Town Meeting bear in mind that much of the money called for will come back to you either from the United States or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Recent Federal legislation has provided Government reimbursement also for amounts expended for Aid to Dependent Children, formerly known as Mother's Aid. Thus the appropriation called for in this Department has been decreased below the amounts which will be expended as a result of estimated receipts from the Government. Receipts from the State on account of these expenditures also go into the general treasury and do not permit a reduction in the appropriation although it is fair to say that the net cost to the town is much less than the appropriation figures.

The writer, as a new member of the Board, has been particularly impressed during the first year by the fact that definite laws of the State govern procedure in respect to the dispensation of relief to aged people and to dependent children and if the laws be obeyed considerable amounts must be spent. There is no alternation. The Board must and does give a great deal of time to the consideration of cases to prove them worthy, but once this has been determined, the money must be spent if the law is lived up to. In return for following the laws carefully a very large amount of the money is returned to the town. While of course National and State taxes provide the money for reimbursement the town budget is not affected to the full extent of the appropriations asked for.

The third important department of the Welfare Department is that of Aid, Board and Care. There is no Federal reimbursement provided for these expenditures, which are made for unfortunate persons and families due to unemployment and other adverse conditions, but about one dollar out of three is repaid to Reading by home towns of recipients settled elsewhere. Recipients in many cases work out their relief on a basis of 30 cents an hour on painting and repairs to buildings, wood cutting and distribution, furniture moving, distribution of supplies, and during the past year raising and harvesting of farm products. Every case receives the consideration of the entire Board and at practically every meeting during the year the entire Board has been present. Mr. Powell's report provides more detail regarding Mother's Aid, and Aid, Board and Care.

In Reading there are no large industries to take people out of unemployment quickly under improving business conditions. Furthermore, towns nearer Boston have the benefit of a ten cent carfare to that city



which enables unemployed to get in touch with possible sources of employment more easily. Thus, if unemployment exists as it surely does, it may take a longer period to effect adjustments than it would in large industrial centers. The tendency of other Town Boards in Reading to employ welfare men when possible has been very evident during the past year and is greatly appreciated.

We have spent in 1936 about \$10,000 less than the appropriation made in March for Aid, Board and Care and we are asking for a still smaller amount for 1937. If cases continue as they are at present this will not be sufficient. Your Board expects further improvement in conditions, however, and this, together with a careful review of cases, should result in our keeping within the appropriation unless unforeseen adverse conditions arise. We always welcome constructive criticism and suggestions. If your attention is called to expenditures which do not appear to be warranted please advise any member of the Board and your information will be treated confidentially and investigated.

Under present conditions it is absolutely necessary that a staff of employees be used. There are no inefficient members and they work long hours. Without the efforts of this faithful group it is quite certain that wasteful expenditures would occur which would more than offset the comparatively small amounts paid them for their efforts.

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
for Board of Public Welfare  
Reading, Mass.,  
January 1, 1937

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## REPORT OF THE WELFARE SUPERINTENDENT

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To the Board of Public Welfare:

I herewith submit the following report for the year 1936:

The Welfare Department handled 295 cases representing 1122 persons during the year. The classification is as follows:

### General Aid

211 Family Cases	Representing 997 persons
70 Single Cases	Representing 70 persons

### Mother's Aid

14 Cases	Representing 55 persons
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The report concerning Old Age Assistance is given elsewhere by it's Director, Mr. Edward E. Harnden.

It will be noticed by referring to the report of the Superintendent for 1935 (426 cases representing 1431 persons), that the case load for 1936 is much less. One reason is that Old Age Assistance cases, numbering 83 in 1935, are not included in the above figures. There was, of course, a general decline in cases during the year. This may be accounted for in two ways. First, the steady employment of former wel-

fare recipients on the W. P. A. resulting in a fairly certain income each week. It was therefore possible for this Department to close the small family cases where previously it had been necessary to issue emergency aid to tide these cases over until such time as their checks came through. Second, there was much more seasonal work during 1936 than in 1935. Many welfare recipients secured this **type of work** and some were able to secure other private employment, thus making it possible to close more cases.

Much of the relief granted during 1936 was in the form of supplementary aid to large families whose only income was about \$13.00 a week from W. P. A. Since this amount of income is insufficient for large families to live on, it was necessary to supplement that income with some welfare aid. Approximately 81 families representing 435 persons were aided in this way. This is actually nearly one-half of the total number of persons aided. It has been quite noticeable that as cold weather approached, many of those who went into private employment earlier in the year were laid off and due to orders from the W. P. A. headquarters in Boston, these people were unable to get back on the W. P. A. again and therefore had to apply for welfare aid.

As has been the policy in the past few years, all recipients of welfare aid were required to work in return for their aid. The other Boards, especially the Board of Public Works, which is the largest employer of labor, has shown a fine spirit of co-operation and recognition of civic opportunity in employing for a considerable part of the year men who otherwise would have had to call upon the Town for aid. It will be noted that most of this work has a great utilitarian value to the recipients of welfare relief. The Welfare labor classification is as follows:

Town Department	Man Hrs.	Val. of Aid Given
Town Dump .....	487	\$ 146.10
Fire Dept.—hydrant sprinklers .....	268	80.00
Cemetery .....	542½	162.75
Town Building .....	32½	9.75
Town Forest .....	48	14.40
Washington St. Playgrounds .....	7	2.10
Public Works .....	1818	545.40
W. P. A. Commissary .....	541	162.30
W. P. A. Canning and Odd Jobs .....	393	117.90
Welfare Garden .....	7086½	2,125.95
Welfare Wood Yard .....	14273	4,281.90
Build'g Wall and Grading around Wel. Bldg.	1555	466.50
	<hr/> 27051	<hr/> \$ 8,115.30

Throughout the summer the Welfare Department operated the garden with Welfare labor and under the supervision of a very competent foreman, Frank H. Powell, who has had much experience in raising of garden produce. That the garden proved successful is shown by the following list of products raised:

Tomatoes .....	35520	pounds
Beans .....	18711	pounds
Beets .....	10861	pounds
Carrots .....	3834	pounds
Swiss Chard .....	3975	pounds

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Tot. pounds, or 36½ Tons

Out of the above amount over 23000 cans were put up in the W. P. A. canning project. As the project was very late in starting, it was necessary to give out quite a lot of the products fresh from the garden. All these products are of course of direct benefit to the taxpayers as most of them go to recipients of Welfare aid.

Another item of work carried on by the Welfare Department during the year has been the repairing of shoes. In the past it has been usual to give an order on some local store to repair shoes of welfare recipients. Early in the year an experiment was tried whereby we bought the stock and a welfare recipient who knows how to do that kind of work was able to work out his aid at the type of work he was best fitted to do. From the beginning, shoe repairing by a welfare recipient was very satisfactory and a real saving. Over 227 pairs of shoes were repaired during the year at an average cost of .58c per pair. This may be compared with an average cost of .95c per pair outside.

The Department wishes to express its appreciation to many property owners in Town who have so kindly given trees to be cut down and the wood given to needy families. Fuel is an expensive item in connection with the giving of relief and when it is possible to give wood, the Department does so. Over 230 cords of wood were cut and delivered by the Department during the year. Since all this wood was given to the Department, a very material saving to the tax-payers resulted.

The Department has exerted every effort during the year to assist welfare recipients to secure private work. Many of them have been successful in gaining private employment not only in Reading, but many of the surrounding places such as Stoneham, Woburn, Andover, Wakefield and Malden. The Board also assisted one recipient in getting his furniture and family to a place as far away as Syracuse, N. Y., where he had secured permanent employment. Another recipient was assisted in getting to Mobile, Alabama, where a job was ready for him, and for which the recipients are reimbursing the Town. It is felt

by the Board that here again is a chance to save the tax-payers more money, for if these people were not assisted in this way it would very likely cost far more to continue giving the man or family relief if they did not accept the chance for employment in these distant places. The situation in Reading is materially different than in other places where they have large industries. Employment has to be casual.

### **Mother's Aid**

There were 14 Mother's Aid cases handled during the year, an increase of three cases over December, 1935. One case was closed during the year as there appeared to be sufficient resources to carry the family along for several months without aid. The year closed with 13 active cases.

It is interesting to note the difference between Mother's Aid and General Aid. The latter fluctuates continuously throughout the year depending almost entirely upon employment conditions. A case might be closed and reopened several times during the course of the year. In Mother's Aid, a mother with dependent children under 16 years of age is extended aid only after a very thorough investigation and fair certainty that the case will continue for at least a year. Therefore, most Mother's Aid cases when once opened, stay so until such time as all the children reach the age of sixteen or the family becomes self-supporting. An effort is made to keep these cases on a high level in order that the children may early learn the importance of proper household management and endeavor to assist their mother to become self-supporting.

Under new legislation passed by the 1936 Legislature, to go into effect on January 1, 1937, Mother's Aid will henceforth be known as Aid to Dependent Children. The law has been broadened considerably so that all aid must be given in cash and the Federal government has set up certain standards to be followed in order that the Town may benefit from the Federal grants for this type of aid. Although in the past aid could be given only to a mother and her dependent children, the new laws extends the provisions so as to now include "a dependent child (or children) under the age of sixteen who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from home or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle or aunt in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home." This will have a tendency to increase the number receiving this type of aid and will increase the administrative work in connection with it as the Federal government makes many demands that must be strictly adhered to. However, the work is well worth the time as the Federal grants and the State reimbursements will tend to keep the net cost of this aid down.



### **Administrative**

It would take a great deal of time and space to enumerate the vast amount of work which is accomplished by the administrative force. There are two visitors, Helen A. Brown and Mary F. Daniel, in the Welfare Department. A total of 2315 visits were made by these visitors during the year, covering Welfare, Mother's Aid cases and special investigations for the W. P. A. Were it not for these visits it would be practically impossible for the Superintendent or the Board to keep posted on the various cases. The life of a visitor is never dull for there are no two days alike. New problems continually arise, new cases in which the visitor must assist the family to work out a budget to cover the necessary needs of the family. Sickness, family difficulties, household management, unruly children, nutrition, and many other problems confront the visitor every day. She must be prepared for any emergency.

The clerical work is very efficiently done by the office secretary, Gladys M. Lane. The work includes the itemized accounting of all welfare transactions, the posting of the thousands of items to the accounts of the recipients, the making of weekly pay rolls and vouchers, checking thoroughly all bills before being vouchered, the making of all bills to other cities and towns and to the State for aid rendered on their account, the making of weekly and monthly reports as required by the State and Federal Government, and much other routine work.

The Welfare Board has given a great deal of personal attention to the work of the Department. They have visited many of the recipients in their homes, giving freely of their knowledge and advice when occasion arose. All applicants are personally interviewed by the Board. Each case is carefully considered before being passed upon in order that in no event shall the tax-payer's money be wasted, or relief given where it is not actually needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
STERLING W. POWELL,  
Welfare Superintendent.

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### **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

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To the Board of Public Welfare  
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

I submit the following report of the administration of Old Age Assistance in Reading for the year ending December 31st, 1936:

Early in the year a thorough survey was made of the entire Old Age Assistance situation. The history of this form of assistance was reviewed from its beginning in 1931, pending legislation was carefully studied and probability of enactment canvassed, and all available information was gathered which had any bearing on the inevitable increase



in the number of cases, the additional appropriation involved, and the increased scope of administrative facilities needed. The deductions which the elective board made from the assembled data, some of which could not be obtained until the very day of the March town meeting, were extremely accurate. The board showed its grasp of the matter when it made a voluntary recommendation in town meeting that \$7,000 be cut from its already approved estimate of \$34,000 for Old Age Assistance, an action practically without precedent so far as the writer can recall. Your administrative force has worked to the best of its abilities throughout the year, many times in a whirlpool of rapidly changing conditions, and feels that the good interests of the recipient and the town itself have been served to advantage. Great credit, however, belongs to the elective offices of the Board of Public Welfare and to the newly established Bureau of Old Age Assistance. Their wise foresight at the beginning of the year and their effective co-operation in every way possible have been of high value to everyone concerned.

It is now a matter of record that the number of Old Age Assistance recipients did actually double in 1936, that the Federal grants materialized as was hoped and believed, and that the anticipated complexity of conditions brought about by new legislation was within the scope of the plans made to care for it.

I am aware that reports of executive officers usually carry paragraphs complimentary to their respective boards at their conclusion, but because of the important bearing the early work of the elective board had on the proper operation of the Old Age Assistance Bureau throughout the year I believe comment on it belongs in first place. Furthermore, it is a statement of fact and not a nose-gay.

Starting the year with 69 cases, we have handled 87 new ones, more than half of these being approved after the amended law became effective on September first. The detail involved in the relatively large number of cases coming in during the last four months of the year would have swamped us to temporary demoralization if it had not been discounted by preliminary investigation in earlier months where possible and by such other preparation as was practicable.

Federal grants of money mean Federal interest in what is done with it. Larger proportion of reimbursement by the state calls for amplified detail to be furnished. Both these agencies now require a very strict certification as to an applicant's Age, Citizenship, Residence within the Commonwealth for the required time, and Need. The question of need means thorough inquiry into the ability of children to contribute toward the support of parents, this being a legal liability resting on them to the extent of their capacity. All these things require constantly increasing work.

It is, however, a labor of value because the information accumulated furnishes the only possible basis for a sound administration of the Old

Age Assistance law, the intelligent observation of its effects, and the clarity of vision into the future of the whole matter of assistance to the aged which is becoming of ever-increasing importance.

We paid out \$34,000 in assisting aged persons in Reading during 1936. Beyond any reasonable doubt this figure will go to \$58,000 in 1937. These are substantial amounts and a very natural inquiry is, just what is it costing the Town of Reading. In the Town Accountant's report of the financial doings of the town the amounts paid out on account of Old Age Assistance and the amounts received by the town on account of Old Age Assistance appear on schedules which are of necessity many pages apart. We submit a schedule which brings the income and the outgo together for comparison, using round figures.

Total O. A. A. expenditures during 1936..	\$34,000.00
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Receipts on account of O. A. A. during 1936.

From the State:

From bills rendered .....	\$8,600.00
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From liquor fees (Chap. 438).....	5,000.00
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From other cities and towns

From bills rendered .....	1,100.00
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From Federal grants.....	10,000.00
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Total receipts .....	\$24,700.00	\$24,700.00
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Difference, Reading's portion.....	\$9,300.00
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This clearly shows that Reading was able to distribute \$34,000 in Old Age Assistance at a cost to itself of only \$9,300, or 27%. The Federal grants come directly into the Old Age Assistance account and are paid out again in the form of assistance. The other amounts received go into the town's general receipts and are taken into consideration by the assessors in computing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation. As more than 75% of the town's expenditures have to be raised by taxes on real estate any amount that comes in otherwise is of pleasant interest to the property owner.

As "General Receipts" cannot be used for Old Age Assistance purposes (except for the Federal grants as noted) the appropriation asked for annually has to include them. This appropriation figure is accepted by many citizens as a cost figure.

Keeping in mind that the age limit was reduced from 70 to 65 in September of 1936, the percentage of persons included by the age limits who are applying for Old Age Assistance constantly increases from something like 7.5% in 1931 to 14.7% in 1936.

Reduction in the required Massachusetts residence, from 20 years to 5 years out of the last 9, and extension of the allowable equity in the applicant's home property account for some of this increase. The apparent diminishing of the ability of children to assist during the past

four or five years is a further contributing factor. More than anything else, the governmental interest in security for the aged and the various factional movements and "plans" towards that end, which have been so well publicized and so active in propaganda, have directed the attention of all persons over the age limit toward this form of assistance from public funds. Many applicants overlook the qualifications of "Need," which must clearly be shown before assistance can be granted under the Massachusetts law. Several new pieces of legislation are now before the Massachusetts legislature but it is not possible to ascertain the likelihood of the enactment at this date.

The following schedules are offered; the first showing the case load by months, and the second indicating something of the constituency of persons who have been assisted.

### MONTHLY CASE RECORD—1936

69 cases as of January 1st, 1936.

	New	Closed	Reason for Closing			At End of Month
	Cases	Cases	Death	Moved	Other	
Jan. ....	4	1			1	72
Feb. ....	2	0				74
March ....	2	1	1			75
April ....	2	0		0		77
May ....	9	2		2		84
June ....	2	2		2		84
July ....	6	1		1		89
Aug. ....	2	2	0	2		89
Sept. ....	31	4	1	3		116
Oct. ....	15	1	1	0		130
Nov. ....	3	5	4	1		128
Dec. ....	9	2	1	1		135
	87	21	8	12	1	

Number of persons assisted during the year (not including seven cases reopened):

Native-born .....	113
Naturalized citizens .....	36
Total .....	149

### Age Brackets

Men

65 to 69 .....	11	
70 to 74 .....	12	
75 to 79 .....	20	
80 to 84 .....	9	
Over 84 .....	6	58

## Women

65 to 69 .....	18	
70 to 74 .....	28	
75 to 79 .....	23	
80 to 84 .....	19	
Over 84 .....	3	91

Total ..... 149

The administration of Old Age Assistance is rendered more efficient because of the co-operation given us by all public departments, both state and municipal. Municipalities of other states also willingly furnish any information they may have relative to birth and marriage records. The increasing interest in the welfare of our older citizens is country-wide and it is pleasant to have this interest sometimes translated into information which may be of great value to some applicant who is in real need, but finds difficulty in establishing eligibility to receive relief through this department.

EDWARD E. HARNDEN,  
Director of Old Age Assistance.

## REPORT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF AGENT

December 31, 1936

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts.  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my third annual report of the Soldiers' Relief Department for the year ending 1936.

During the past year the Soldiers' Relief Department has aided 33 families having a total of 137 persons. We have also aided 24 single veterans, making a total of 161 persons who have received aid at various times during the year.

Several cases of serious illness in veterans families during the past year increased the cost of Soldiers' Relief so that it was necessary to transfer funds from Military Aid and State Aid appropriations.

W.P.A. employment has taken from the rolls of the Soldiers' Relief Department practically all of the able-bodied veterans so that the funds of the department have been spent principally on disabled veterans and their families and veterans' widows and children.

The payment of the remaining 50% of the bonus in July eased the demands on this department somewhat. In practically every instance where I had an occasion to investigate the use made of the bonus, I found that veterans had spent it wisely. Much of it went to pay bills which were outstanding for a considerable period of time, and to purchase clothing and household appliances.



I do not anticipate any lessening of the demands on the Soldiers' Relief Department for the year 1937. If the Federal Relief appropriation for work projects is stopped there will be an increased load on this department.

This department furnished labor to the Public Works Department, School Department and the Cemetery Department. I wish to express my appreciation to the Welfare Department for wood for Soldiers' Relief recipients and for the use of their truck during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FOREST H. BRYANT,  
Soldiers' Relief Agent.

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## REPORT OF W. P. A. SPONSORS AGENT

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December 31, 1936.

Board of Selectmen,

Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith present my first annual report as Sponsor's Agent for the Federal Relief program in Reading. The Emergency Relief Administration closed its projects in the latter part of 1935 and the Works Progress Administration took over the uncompleted projects which were in operation at that time, and have completed many of them during the year 1936. The present rules of the W. P. A. require that towns and cities maintain a local headquarters for the purpose of supplying necessary data of local expenditures on relief projects and also to furnish supervision and engineering services. The local Administrative force at the present time consists of a Sponsor's Agent, Engineer and Clerk.

During the past year we have been able to operate on an average of 13 projects. A brief summary of what has been accomplished on these projects is contained in the latter part of this report. When the new Works Progress program was started, a sufficient number of projects were presented to the W. P. A. to take care of at least three times the number of persons which would be allowed to work. This far-sighted policy on the part of your Board and the various other departments in town has allowed us to keep employed every man and woman that has been authorized. Many towns and cities have been handicapped for the lack of available approved projects. This has not been true in Reading.

At the present time we have a number of projects which are waiting to be put into operation, if and when, we have the available Federal and local appropriations. There has been no delay during the year in putting men to work on account of lack of material or lack of Federal projects. On January 1, 1936, the town was allowed 300 employees, on May 1, 1936, the quota was gradually reduced so that on July 1, 1936



only 185 persons were allowed employment on local projects, and because the town had in operation a number of desirable projects of economic value and as there were available local funds to carry on these projects in the proper manner, the government allowed us to carry a greater number of men than the established quota. I respectfully call your attention to the employment chart appended to this report. The decrease which you will note in November and December was due to the laying off of employees on State projects.

In October 1936, the Welfare Department was designated as a local Certifying Agency for relief workers. Many very needy cases were certified, but unfortunately, due to lack of Federal funds, these people have not yet been put to work.

In the latter part of the year, a number of persons who had previously worked on this program, but during the summer months had received private employment, applied for re-instatement. It has not been possible to put these people back to work on account of lack of Federal funds, and consequently the Welfare and Soldiers' Relief have had to support them. There is a large waiting list and if the town was allowed to put these people to work it would materially decrease the Welfare cost.

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## **ANNUAL W. P. A. PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION REPORT**

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**Season January, 1936, to December, 1936**

### **RECREATION**

"That which we freely choose to do, outside of  
our main business of earning a living."

#### **Adult Recreation**

W. P. A. Project 65-14-7994, recreation project, officially opened Jan. 6, 1936. The following activities were offered to men and women: Gymnasium classes, basket ball leagues, tap and social dancing and a dramatic club. The activities were conducted evenings in the gymnasium and library of the Senior High School.

#### **Basketball**

Men's basketball league played two games a week, and the women's league played once.

Men's Basketball—23 sessions. Aggregate participation 786.

Women's Basketball—19 sessions. Aggregate participation 603.

#### **Gymnasium Class**

These classes consisted of fundamental exercise, floor, mat and apparatus work. The latter part of the period was given over to Volley Ball for the men and Deck Tennis for the women.

23 sessions for men aggregate participation 345.

19 sessions for women aggregate participation 291.

## **Tap and Social Dancing**

Tap dancing was under the direction of Miss Marie Davies, who was kind enough to volunteer her services. This was one of the most popular activities in the adult group.

13 sessions—aggregate participation 343.

Social dancing instruction was followed by a dancing assembly where the participants had an opportunity to practice their new steps.

13 sessions—aggregate participation 726.

## **Dramatics**

The initial problem was to effect a permanent organization so a constitution with by-laws was drawn up. Officers were elected and the program began. The club presented skits and one-act plays for local churches and organizations. The club members selected the name "Dramarta" and became so known to the townspeople. A major production, a three-act play, "Reach for the Moon," was the unifying force that gave the members a sense of the importance of the club. The latter part of the season Dramarta presented four one-act plays for the benefit of the club members only. There were three more one-act plays produced for local churches and one one-act play given at the annual meeting of the High School Alumni on June 19, 1936. Dramarta then adjourned until November of 1936.

Total participation from January, 1936, to March, 1936 (inclusive):

Men 1714, women 1380—3094.

## **Memorial Park**

The Barn at Memorial Park was open daily from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Activities offered were: Deck and paddle tennis, ping pong, table and card games, and handicrafts.

Early in March outdoor sports such as tennis, golf, archery and soft ball were added to the program.

In April, 1936, the supervisor and one of the assistants attended the Third Annual Conference on Outdoor Recreation held in the Massachusetts State College Building in Amherst. Many well known figures in recreation spoke of the progress made in the past few years in the field of recreation. Reading activities compared favorably with other towns of similar size and facilities.

Given under the Board of Public Works, Park Department is a complete and inclusive account of the work planned and carried out by the W. P. A. Recreation staff. The account covers activities from June to September, 1936.

The first of October, 1936, the Adult Recreation classes were reopened. The same program, with the exception of tap dancing, was opened to the adults of Reading. At the present time the enrollment and attendance have greatly increased.

## W. P. A. PLAYGROUND REPORT

Season June 22, 1936, to September 4, 1936

Playground system consisted of 3 playgrounds and 2 baseball fields.

Average daily attendance:

Memorial Park .....	250
Washington Street .....	65
Birch Meadow .....	175
Washington Street Ballfield.....	150
Birch Meadow Ballfield.....	45
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	685

### Program

These activities made up the program:

#### Active Sports

Baseball, tennis, golf, archery, volley ball, tag football, boxing, deck tennis, ping pong and soft ball.

#### Quiet and Individual Games

Toss games, dominoes, card games, bean bag, croquet and miscellaneous table games.

#### Handicraft

Woodcraft, paper work, coloring, fancy sewing and embroidering, were the crafts offered.

#### Story Hour

Warm afternoons the youngsters were taken to a cool, shady spot where stories suitable for children were read.

#### Canning

The Home Economics room at Junior High School was open to the Recreation Canning Group.

A gala celebration marked the opening of the Reading Playgrounds. A parade with awards for the best costumes was organized at Memorial Park.

The parade with a police escort marched through the Square to Washington Street Playground. The St. Agnes' Boys' Band was in the lead. The Sons of Legion, the Girl Scouts, the Girl Scout Drum and Bugle Corps and the children in costume made a gay and colorful sight as they paraded.

The workers formed around the flagpole, then the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" as the flag was raised.

Many W. P. A. officials and town officials were present at the opening. The entertainment, furnished by a Federal Theatrical Unit, consisted of 15 vaudeville acts. Free ice cream at the end of the program completed the day for the 2000 children that attended.

After the ceremonies at the field, a supper was served to the visiting and town officials at the Victory House. The after dinner program was very brief.

The outstanding summer events are as follows:

Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Archery, Handicraft and Canning.

### **Baseball—Community League**

During June, July, August and September six teams played 3 games per week. There were 76 games played with 125 players participating. These teams were composed of Reading adults of 17 years of age and over. This league not only offered Reading people a chance to play baseball but also gave the baseball fans an opportunity to see their fellow townsmen in action. An all-Star team was selected from the league to play out-of-town teams. There were seven all-star games played—4 out of town and 3 on the home diamond.

### **Junior Park League**

This league was for the boys of Reading between the ages of 9 and 16. There were 64 games played in this league with 150 boys participating. These teams played 4 times per week for a period from July to September. In July and again in August 150 boys were taken to Braves' Field and to Fenway Park to see the big league players. The Selectmen of Reading furnished the transportation for the trips and the playground instructors had charge of the boys.

The season was closed by a Baseball Field Day, held at Washington Street Park. The events were: Base running, fungo hitting, throwing for accuracy and for distance. The boys were divided into 3 different groups according to their ages.

Inter-town matches with Winchester, Playgrounds, were played. There were six games played, Reading lost 2, won 3 and tied one.

### **Tennis**

Classes in Tennis instruction were held 3 times a week. Fundamental form strokes were taught to the beginners while the advanced players were given opportunities to improve their game.

Inter-town matches with Winchester playgrounds, were played. There were six matches played in this sport. Winchester took 3 of the 6 matches and Reading boys were able to tie the last three matches.

### **Golf**

Golf has become a very popular sport on the playground at Memorial Park. A 9-hole golf course was installed by one of the recreation staff who also formed classes in golf instruction. There were two tournaments played in golf during the season.

### **Archery**

The sport is as popular with the girls as with the boys. It does not involve large muscles but rather calls for a definite skill which can be obtained by careful practice. High School boys and girls formed groups for practice. There were several shoots held to determine form



and highest score. One of the recreation instructors constructed 3 new targets of rice straw which saved the town about \$30.00.

### **Handcraft**

This includes jig-saw, painting, coloring, plain and fancy sewing and embroidering. There was also a large enrollment in the paper work class. Samples of sewing, jig-saw, embroidering, painting, paper work, and canning were sent to Boston to be displayed with other articles which had been made on W. P. A. Recreation projects throughout the State.

### **Canning**

Preserving—fruits and vegetables and making jellies.

Seven hours each week were set aside to can fruits and vegetables. This was done in co-operation with the 4-H club. There were 16 enrolled in this work which was done at the Junior High School in the Home Economics room. There were 369 jars of fruits, vegetables, jellies and jams preserved at the school. Six boys and girls of the group canned 135 jars at their homes. This made a total of 504 jars. The vegetables included rhubarb, carrots, beans, beets, peas, tomatoes, string and shell beans; the fruits were plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, currants, peaches, grapes, crabapples, apples, and 8 jars of mustard pickle.

Samples of the canners' work were included in the exhibition which was displayed at the Park Square Building, Boston. The exhibition held at M. P. on closing day also included a canning display. Prizes were awarded to first and second year canners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

### **Special Event Days**

Each Wednesday afternoon was set aside as a Special Event Day. The activities conducted on these days were: Pet Show, Checker Tournament, Ping Pong Tourney, Track Meet, Doll Show, Tennis Matches and awarding of Junior Patrol Badges.

### **Patrol Leaders**

Boys and girls who showed definite signs of leadership were given a chance to develop their ability as a Junior Patrol member. Patrol leaders were chosen to serve for two-week periods. Their duties were: To care for equipment, to watch over the little tots, to assist staff workers when necessary, to raise and lower the flag at the beginning and ending of the day, to assist the younger children across Salem Street.

In August the annual Playground Tournaments were started. The tourneys included tennis, golf, ping pong, archery, for both juniors and seniors, checkers, toss games, and contests in handcraft and jig-saw. There were 17 loving cups awarded to the winners on Sept. 4, 1936, the closing day of the season.



### **Fall Season September 5 to November 1**

This schedule offered the activities that were popular during the spring season. The Barn at Memorial Park was open daily from 2 o'clock until 9 o'clock. Soft ball was the most popular outdoor sport with tennis a close second. Ping pong was the chief indoor sport.

After school opened in September, post-school playgrounds were started at the Highland School and at Junior High School. The activities included games suitable for the boys and girls at the respective playgrounds.

For some time the recreation staff had wanted to have a party for the children of Reading. We decided that Hallowe'en would be the best time. The boys and girls made many pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, cats and witches to be used as decorations. Both the staff and the children decorated the Barn, which was very suitable for the party. Some of the older boys went to the woods for leaves and others gathered corn-stalks. Black and orange balloons were also used in the decorating scheme.

The party started with a ghost walk. Chains clanked, ghosts moaned and wailed, as the youngsters crawled through, over and under various obstacles. One of the staff, dressed as a witch, told fortunes. The children then went up-stairs to eat apples on strings, to bob for apples and play traditional Hallowe'en games.

There were 182 boys and girls in this group. When they had played games and enjoyed themselves for two hours, the refreshments were served. How the donuts, cheese and cider did disappear! Many parents accompanied their children and appreciated the fun that all had.

Then the Junior and Senior High School students came. They also went through the Ghost Walk, played games and bobbed for apples. Then social dancing was enjoyed. The music for the dance was supplied by Norman Larrabee, who also furnishes the music for the adult social dancing. There were 205 participants in this group. This makes a grand total attendance of one night of 387. These boys and girls were also given donuts, cider and cheese.

Refreshments and decorations were furnished by the following:

Board of Selectmen.

Board of Public Works.

Sponsors' Agent.

Recreation Staff.

### **Winter Season Starting November 1, 1936**

The adult classes started with the following activities making up the program: Gymnastics, basketball, dramatics, games and social dancing. The class schedule is as follows:

Monday—7-8, Women's Gym.

8-8.30, Deck Tennis.

8.30—10, Basketball.

Tuesday—7.30-10.30, Men's Basketball.

7.30-10.30, Dramatics.

Wednesday—Same as Monday.

Thursday—Same as Tuesday.

Friday—7.30-11, Social Dancing.

These classes are for people 16 years of age and over who are not attending school in Reading. As a special concession the High School Seniors are admitted to the Social Dancing class.

Women's Basketball group invite the women and girls of the various churches to enter a Church basketball league.

Men's Basketball league has been formed and games are played twice a week.

The Social Dancing Assembly is open to those who wish to learn to dance or to perfect their steps.

Dramatics, the dramatic club, is also open for membership. New members must be voted into the club.

### **Reading Game and Craft Room**

Last winter the recreation staff and the children who attended the activities at the Barn, suffered from the cold. On Dec. 15, 1936, the Recreation Project moved into new quarters at 180 Haven Street. The building is accessible to all and is open from 1 o'clock until 9 o'clock daily except Saturday, when it is open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

The handcraft schedule is as follows:

Leather tooling—Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 and Saturday from 6 to 9. There is a charge made for the tooling calf, but the tools may be used free of charge.

Paper Craft—Classes are held every afternoon.

Block print cutting—Monday and Wednesday from 4-5 and Friday from 4-6.

Sewing—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 3-5.

There are two ping pong tables available at all times. The town has purchased many table games which are always ready for the children to use.

The average daily attendance from Dec. 15, 1936, to Dec. 31, 1936, has been 150 boys and girls.

In closing this report, the supervisor, and the entire recreation staff wish to thank the town officials who have co-operated and supplied materials and equipment for this project. We also invite the people of Reading to attend and participate in our activities.

### **Historical Survey**

This project, which was sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, has been in operation since the start of the C. W. A. Its function was the collection and tabulation of town records and important historical data. The principal topics covered by this project are as follows:

1. Classification and arranging all articles in town warrants of regular and special town meetings for past 20 years and making a card index of the same. This has already proved of considerable value to the town.

2. Compilation of and copies of all special state laws accepted by the town since its organization.

3. Compilation of and copies of all special state laws which the town may accept.

4. A revision of the "By-laws of Reading" since their last approval in 1917. The by-laws of twenty or more towns were compared and a new set written and approved by the Assistant Attorney General of the State.

5. Transcription of vital statistics of Reading since its incorporation, including indices of marriages, births and deaths. Of these, "marriages" and practically half of "births" have been completed. These old records are fast becoming illegible because of fading ink.

6. A study of the comparative wage scales, equipment and costs of Fire Departments in other towns comparable to the size of Reading.

7. A similar study in relation to the Police Department.

8. An exhaustive study of the Quannapowitt Lake Basin, a tract of low, swampy land lying between Reading and Wakefield. This tract presents difficult drainage and sanitary problems and several legislative acts have dealt with the problem. The study contains a complete history of these acts and matters pertinent thereto.

9. A detailed study of the Limited Town Meeting form of Government—a complete list of towns have accepted this form of government and their experience in reference thereto.

10. The automobile accidents of the town were studied and "spot" maps for the last four years were made showing locations where fatal accidents, personal injury or property damage accidents occurred.

11. A detailed study of "Municipal Ash Collection" with costs, methods and experience of towns comparable to Reading.

12. A survey of billboards and out-door advertising signs in Reading—the laws in relation thereto. This study resulted in the acceptance of a regulative act.

13. Comparative studies over a period of ten years:

- a. Expenditures for Charities and Aids
- b. Expenditure for Soldiers' Benefits
- c. Departmental expenditures (all departments)
- d. Departmental receipts (all departments)
- e. Maintenance statistics (all departments)

14. A detailed study of sidewalk construction in Massachusetts towns in preparation for a possible P. W. A. or State Sidewalk project.

15. Compilation of Zoning laws, Police Regulations, Board of Survey Regulations.

16. A study of the question of the Consolidation of Town Offices, data and experiences of other towns.

17. A survey of the burnt or dangerous buildings in Reading as also the unsightly dumps. Spot maps were made and laws in relation thereto copied.

18. A statistical table of foreclosures for non-payment of taxes and property taken by the town.

19. Child safety study with special reference to coasting in the winter and bicycling in the summer. By-laws as to use of sidewalks.

20. A study of bus lines in Reading—routes—time tables—rates—terminals—maps of routes.

21. Census Studies in Reading.

Business houses in Reading—opportunities for unemployed.

Vocational statistics of unemployed.

Old Age Statistics (over 60).

Statistics of organizations—social—fraternal—educational—religious, etc.

Studies were made of:

Public health clinics in Reading.

A public market for Reading.

A restoration of salary cuts (town and school).

A town physician for Reading.

Where our tax dollar goes—graphs.

Street acceptance regulations.

Reading tax rate compared with other towns.

Safety program in schools.

Finance Committee reports of other towns.

Town reports other towns—methods—forms, etc.

22. Numerous maps and spot maps were made:

Spot maps of automobile accidents, 1933-34-35.

Spot maps of unsightly dumps in Reading.

Spot maps of fires in Reading.

Spot maps of new buildings.

Spot maps of fire alarm boxes (present and proposed).

Fire alarm circuits.

Bus line routes.

Zoning maps.

Tax rate map of Mass. towns.

Map of sewer system (present and proposed).

Block system map.

23. Histories of Reading :

A brief outline history, dwelling for the most part on "Ye Olden Days."

One volume of a large two volume history of Reading.

A number of shorter historical articles.

24. The reference file of service records of veterans of the World War has been completed.

The Civil War, Spanish-American and Revolutionary War records are now being collected.

25. The descriptive materials in a booklet "An Invitation to Reading" was mainly collected by this project.

The project at the present time is awaiting Federal funds from Washington and it is hoped that this project will again be in operation.

### **THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIR PROJECT**

The Municipal Building Repair Project sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, employed during the year 1936 an average of about 18 skilled painters, carpenters, blackboard finishers and electricians. Work was done in the various Municipal Buildings as follows:

#### **Senior High School**

The gymnasium, administrative offices, teachers' rooms, chemical laboratory, physic's laboratory and storeroom, bookkeeping room and biology storeroom were painted. The Swan Treatment was applied to part of the floors. This was in the process of being done at the close of the year.

Electrical wiring throughout the building was checked and necessary additions were made. New system of lighting for the gymnasium was installed.

Three large flower boxes were constructed over the front entrance.

#### **Junior High School**

Several additions to the electrical wiring in the Junior High School was installed in the coal pockets and boiler room. A switch was installed on the flood lighting system.

#### **Highland School**

Six class rooms were completely painted and varnished. All the floors in the building were sanded and refinished with the Swan Treatment. A wire fence around the playground was painted. A new oak floor was installed in one of the class rooms and in the second floor corridor.

Several new lighting circuits were installed in the basement.

#### **Lowell Street School**

Floors in the Lowell Street School were sanded and treated with Swan Treatment. New floors were laid in the first floor corridor.

#### **Union Street School**

The fence around the play area was painted.



### **Prospect Street School**

New floors were laid throughout this building and were finished with Swan Treatment. New entrance floor was laid.

The outside of the building was painted two coats.

### **Chestnut Hill School**

The chain link fence around the play area was painted one coat.

### **Blackboards in Various Schools**

The blackboards in the Highland, Lowell Street and Prospect Street Schools were refinished.

### **Police Station**

Acoustic tile was installed on the first floor of the police station and the corridor of the basement, reducing the noise which had been the subject of complaints by people living nearby the station house.

### **Town Farm Building**

The old wooden shingles on the main part of the building were removed and new fire-proof shingles put on.

### **Washington Street Playground**

The wooden bleachers and the fence were given two coats of paint.

### **Birch Meadow**

The woodwork around the tennis courts was painted.

### **Memorial Park Building**

New outlets were installed for additional lighting facilities.

The wire fence enclosing the play area and the playground equipment were painted two coats and miscellaneous repair work done around the building.

This project will continue in 1937.

### **Lowell Flood**

On Thursday, March 19, 1936, the local W. P. A. office was notified that there was serious danger of flood in the city of Lowell. The Board of Selectmen immediately telegraphed the State Administrator that W. P. A. workers in Reading were organized and ready to go to the city of Lowell if necessary. At four o'clock that same afternoon, a telephone call was received by the Sponsor's Agent that the W. P. A. would like to have all available men and equipment rushed to Lowell as soon as possible. Over one hundred W. P. A. workers from Reading carried in Board of Public Works' trucks were rushed to Lowell, and there they worked all night, building a dyke over the railroad tracks near the New England Southern Mills. Accompanying the party was a portable lighting outfit, owned by the Lexington Fire Department and operated by Acting Chief of the Department, Capt. Roy A. Cook. Capt. Cook and his men supplied light to the dyke over the railroad tracks all night. Reading Post 62, American Legion, manned a portable field kitchen and supplied Reading W. P. A. men with hot coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts. Supt. Welch of the Board of Public Works was in charge of building the dyke and this dyke prevented the river from

flowing down the cut made by the Boston and Maine railroad tracks into the center of the city. On Friday, March 20th, a call again came for all available men and equipment to relieve the workers in Lowell who had been working continuously for over twenty-four hours and again the American Legion field kitchen visited all of the employees, supplying them with hot coffee and sandwiches. The river ceased to rise after midnight, and the Reading men were sent home about three o'clock. On Sunday March 22nd, the Reading men were again sent to Lowell to assist in cleaning up some of the principal thoroughfares. On all three occasions the Reading men were accompanied by members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Public Works.

### **Planning Board Map Project**

The above project started during the Civil Works Administration and continued under Emergency Relief Administration, employing an average of 15 men during the year 1936.

Under the Works Progress Administration, this map is now near completion, showing lot lines, street layouts, pipe lines and five foot contours over approximately ten square miles.

This map will be of considerable value to the town in later years as the information contained thereon can be used in figuring possible additions to traffic highways and future building developments in the town.

### **Forest Glen Cemetery**

This project, sponsored by the Board of Cemetery Trustees, was begun November 12th, 1936. The present project calls for developing approximately two thirds of an acre on the southeast corner of the Cemetery. A steam shovel turned over the land to a depth of five and a half feet. Considerable ledge was encountered, which is in the process of being removed. It is expected that a more comprehensive project will replace the present one and it is estimated that there will be available for burial purposes, five hundred four grave lots, which at the regular price will be worth \$110,000.00. Upon completion of this development, the burial requirements for the town in this cemetery will be taken care of for a period of a least fifty years.

### **Tree Trimming Project**

The above project sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and under the direct supervision of the Tree Warden, has trimmed about 80% of the shade trees along public highways.

### **Gypsy Moth Project**

The above project is sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, under the direct supervision of Henry Donegan, Moth Supt., and employs four men, creosoting gypsy moth's nests. These men also inspected trees for elm tree beetles, brown tail moths and other tree pests.

This project continues in 1937.

### **Storm Water Drains**

This project, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, has resulted in the extension of the Storm Water Drainage System by 3420 feet on the following streets.

King Street, from Summer Ave., to Hancock Street, Extension, 196' of 18" concrete pipe, 556' of 12" concrete pipe, 9 catch basins, 1 manhole, and 102' of 8" vitrified clay pipe connecting catch basins. This roadway was shaped and treated with 1506 gallons of tarvia.

Summer Ave. from West Street to Hancock Street 1430' of 18" concrete pipe, 860' of 12" concrete pipe, 10 catch basins, 5 manholes and 88' of 8" vitrified clay pipe connecting catch basins. This section of Summer Ave. was later shaped and treated with 1870 gallons of tarvia.

Lowell and Willow Streets, 225' of 18" concrete pipe, 153' of 12" concrete pipe, 3 catch basins, 1 manhole and 22' of 8" vitrified clay pipe connecting catch basins.

### **Colburn Road**

The construction of Colburn Road, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, which was started in 1934 was completed. The roadway, 1536' in length, has been graded and widened to 24' and surfaced with gravel. 3000' of gravel sidewalks, 8' wide have been constructed on each side of roadway.

### **Franklin Street**

The widening of Franklin Street at the intersection of Grove Street sponsored by the Board of Public Works, has been completed, eliminating a very dangerous corner. This necessitated, during the past year, the removal of 521 cu. yds. of ledge. The length of widening is 209' and the width of the road way increased by 25'. This section was gravel surfaced and sealed by the application of tarvia.

### **Farm-to-Market Projects**

The Farm to Market road project have resulted in the great improvement of four of the outlying streets of the town.

Hopkins Street from Main Street east to the Wakefield line, a distance of 1274', has been graded and widened to 24', gravel surfaced and sealed with the application of 2,518 gal. of tarvia.

South Street from Main Street east to Wakefield line has been widened to 30', gravel surfaced and sealed with application of 2,039 gal. of tarvia.

Wakefield Street from Pearl to Charles Street, a distance of 3558' has been widened to 24', gravel surfaced and treated with 5,258 gal. of road oil and 2,741 gal. of cut back asphalt.

Pearl Street from Charles to Wakefield Streets has been widened to 24'. The bad curve, a short distance in from Charles Street has been eliminated by a cutoff across town owned property. This cutoff required a gravel fill of 3,200 cu. yds. From Main Street to Franklin Street, a distance of 1,648 has also been improved by widening and

eliminating bad curves. This street will later be graded and surfaced.

Willow Street from the crossing to Summer Ave., a distance of 1,230' has been widened to 24'.

### **Birch Meadow**

The development of Birch Meadow, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, continued during the past year.

2,080' of French drains have been constructed and 620' of 18" concrete pipe installed in drainage ditch.

A total area of 103,630 sq. ft. has been graded and 67,210 sq. ft. of that area has been loamed and seeded.

1,374 lin. ft. of walks have also been constructed.

### **Dead End Water Mains**

On Vale Road, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, a 6" water main, 303' in length was installed.

### **Street Survey Project**

A field crew of engineers, under the sponsorship of the Board of Public Works, have been engaged under this project in surveying 20 streets in the town. No records or plans of these streets have up to now, been available. These streets total 29,015' in length. Location and profile plans have been drawn by draftsmen and are now on file at the office of the board of Public Works.

### **Sewing Project**

The W. P. A. Sewing Project, continued from the Emergency Relief Administration under the Boards of Selectmen and Public Welfare, has furnished employment to an average of 55 women throughout the year. The town furnishes quarters in the building on Pearl Street, where the entire second floor is used by the workers. The town also supplies the equipment, light and heat, while the W. P. A. furnishes materials and supplies used in the manufacture of various articles of clothing. These garments are sent to a commissary at the Watertown Arsenal and the local commissary draws from this central point the garments needed for distribution in Reading. The Welfare Department has co-operated with the local unit by trucking garments and material to and from Watertown.

There have been many benefits derived from this project aside from the monetary benefits to those employed. Many of the women when first assigned to work, knew little or nothing about sewing and the operation of electric sewing machines. These women have now become proficient in the making of simple garments and will be able to make wearing apparel for their families. The families certified for clothing by the Welfare and Soldiers' Relief Departments have been supplied with warm and servicable garments.

The town has been saved a considerable amount of money on account of their federal activity.



Appended herewith is an itemized account of the materials, supplies and expenditures by the town in connection with the maintenance of this project.

#### Materials Furnished by the Federal Government

Colored Broadcloth	8946 yds.	Thread	301	boxes
White Broadcloth	915 "	W. Binding	61	rolls
Percales	250 "	P. "	2520	yds.
Chambray	3158 "	Pins	19	boxes
Jeans	4379 "	Buttons	485 $\frac{1}{4}$	gross
Diaper Cloth	512 "	Tape	18	reels
Prints	3686 "	Elastic	7	"
42" sheeting	1650 "	Machine needles	151	pkgs.
81" "	6330 "	Hand Needles	14	pkgs.
Muslin	12572 "	Snap fasteners	73	gross
Crepe	2915 "	Machine oil	1	gal.
Lawn	4001 "			
Flannel	7939 "			
Denim	700 "			

#### Articles Made By Sewing Project

Men's & boy's shirts	5155	Women's & girl's n-gowns	2196
" " pants	1432	" " pajamas	1358
" " u-suits	120	" " slips	3114
" " pajamas	2866	" " dresses	2249
" " shorts	984	" " panties	4349
" khaki aprons	8	" " smocks	67
Men's & boy's jackets	3	" " blouses	6
Men's & boy's nightshirts	36	" " combinations	162
Boy's suits	288	Pillow cases	2118
" blouses	144	Sheets	1031
		Towels	258

#### Canning Project

The Canning Project started August 18, 1936. The average number of workers employed from that date until December 31, 1936 has been seventeen.

At the start of the canning season a second-hand high-pressure 7-horse power boiler was installed to give adequate supply of steam for canning purposes, and also to relieve the employees working in the Town Farm Building from the heat of the boiler.

The United States Government furnished a semi-automatic power sealer which has improved the quality of the product a great deal. During the past year the canning products have been inspected by Federal Experts regularly, and very little spoilage has been found. The Federal Government furnishes the labor, sealing machine and cans, while the Town furnishes the raw materials, power, light and fuel.



Following is a table of the kind of products canned during the season :

Commodities	Raised on Town Farm	Bought by Town	Furnished by W.P.A.	Cans Pro- duced
12,000 lbs. beets .....	9,900 lbs.	2,100 lbs.		8,692
15,500 lbs. carrots ....	5,350 lbs.	10,150 lbs.		7,479
15 boxes grapefruit ....			15 boxes	62
5 bushels pears .....	5 bu.			145
1,361 lbs. dry peas .....			1361 lbs	4,180
50 lbs. prunes .....			50 lbs.	82
5,400 lbs. string beans ....	5,400 lbs.			3,539
3,000 lbs. Swiss chard ....	3,000 lbs.			2,545
27,000 lbs. tomatoes ....	27,000 lbs.			8,741
Total				35,465

#### National Youth Administration Project

On April 28, 1936, the National Youth Administration approved a project to bind, repair, and recondition damaged and worn out books owned by the town. The school department donated the use of the metal shop in the basement of the Junior High School and the machinery formerly used by the print shop.

Under the competent supervision of a trained book-binder, twenty young men and women were taught book-binding and repairing. A display of the work done by this group was shown in Willis' Drug Store window and provoked much favorable comment. The work is available to young people between the ages of 18 and 25 years, from families certified for Federal employment.

During the year, the following work was accomplished:—

School books bound .....	3067 vols.
Library " " .....	329 "
Other town depts. books bound .....	88 "
Town Clerk (Death, Marriages and Births)	74 "
Sheet music (Re-inforced and mended) ...	1446 "
Pads made for J. H. S. ....	129 "
Note book covers (cleaned and renovated)	180 "
Pads made for Water Dept. ....	21 "

#### Cost of Material:

Federal Government .....	\$ 148.00
From Town W. P. A. Fund .....	70.32

### **Federal Funds Expended For Emergency Relief Since 1933**

Direct Grants (through December 1936) .....	\$ 24,570
C. W. A. Program (through December 1936) .....	72,819
E. R. A. Program (April 1934 through Dec. 1936) .....	257,503
W. P. A. Program (Earnings Only—Oct. 1935 through December, 1936) .....	230,975
Value of Surplus Commodities Distributed (through December 1936) .....	66,457
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Total .....	\$ 652,324

### **Federal Funds Expended for Emergency Relief During 1936**

W. P. A. Program (earnings only, through December 1936) .....	\$ 228,347
E. R. A. Program (December 1936) .....	821
Value of Surplus Commodities Distributed (through December 1936) .....	35,591
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Total .....	\$ 265,759

The co-operation which has been extended to the W. P. A. Department by all of the Boards in town has been greatly appreciated. Equipment has been loaned from one department to another, particularly from the Board of Public Works to projects operated by other Boards, the only cost being to the borrowing Board, the salary of the employee operating the equipment. I wish to thank particularly the members of the Board of Selectmen for their helpful co-operation and advice throughout the year.

I believe that the employees of the W. P. A. as a whole, have done a splendid job. Foremen and supervisors have been co-operative and have taken a great personal interest in doing their respective jobs well.

In another part of the Town Report will be found an itemized account of the expenditures of the funds appropriated for W. P. A. materials.

Respectfully submitted,

FOREST H. BRYANT

Sponsor's Agent



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

For the Year Ended

December 31, 1936

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading :

The first major event in our year's operation occurred between January 18 and 20 when we had a severe snowstorm and many citizens expressed their satisfaction with the efficient operation of the improved Snow Equipment and felt that the expenditure had been fully justified. This machinery still further proved itself through the Winter season. The addition during 1936 of a five-ton Sterling truck and a two and one-half ton Cletrac, each with plows to be attached, replacing some of the older equipment, gives us still greater snow handling ability. If the ten-year program adopted last year is followed, and we are able to obtain six sidewalk tractor plows we will be able to promptly clear any storm we are likely to have.

### **Highways**

In the Spring it was found that serious damage had come to many of our roads. Lack of money in the last few years had left them open to the heavy frost and late Spring rains. The new Road Hone was used to advantage on many of them and some, too far gone for honing, were scarified and rolled. Patching continued through the entire season. The State furnished materials for the State aid roads and this lifted the burden somewhat. The condition of the roads necessitates a large amount of patching. This is not economical. A substantial increase should be made in the funds for Highway Maintenance.

Main Street, at the crossing, was resurfaced with a temporary honed surface. This section should be relaid with permanent type of roadway in the near future. Winthrop Avenue, Colburn Road, Sunnyside Avenue and Fairview Avenue were completed and Hartshorn Street nearly so.

West Street from the end of 1933 construction to Woburn Street and Woburn Street to Pratt Street were finished in a State and County Aid project and Lowell Street from the Wilmington line to a point about 700 feet South of the Railroad Bridge was finished in a similar project. The Town appropriated \$7,000.00 toward the two jobs and \$7,803.97 was expended on the payroll to residents of the Town.

Some 12,000 lineal feet of streets have been improved under the supervision of the Board and largely under W. P. A. "Farm and Market" projects. These were all "side roads" and the work consisted principally of removing ledges and boulders, straightening the road and improving grades and installing culverts and cutting back and sloping banks. Approximately 40,000 lineal feet of roadway was surface treated by the regular Department forces.

### **Sidewalks**

This Department installed about 1400 lineal feet of granolithic sidewalks and about 700 feet of curbing, nearly all on a Betterment basis. About 400 lineal feet of Tarvia walk, 1,700 feet of gravel walks were installed and 5,500 lineal feet of walk was topped with stone dust.



The time is not far distant when the Town should seriously consider constructing permanent Sidewalks and installing Curbing at least throughout the Central district.

### **Drainage**

Approximately 4,500 feet of Storm Drain was constructed during the year, largely through W. P. A. projects. Some open drains were piped and much work was done on open ditches and culverts. The extreme spring flood conditions necessitated relaying several culverts.

A definite plan for drainage correction, to be carried out over a period of years, has been drawn up and should be followed as closely as the Town's finances permit.

### **Sewers**

The Sewer Department extended its mains but 86 feet and but ten new house connections were made, totaling 495 feet, during the year 1936.

About 63 per cent of those to whom the Sewer is accessible are connected. With the reduced cost of entrance, more should enter.

The Department will within a year or two at most require a mechanical cleaner for trunk lines as they need thorough cleaning after all these years of use.

### **Parks and Playgrounds**

The development of Parks progressed favorably during the year. Washington Street Park was completed and fair progress was made at Birch Meadow.

All of the Parks and Playgrounds were in constant use. The fence at Memorial Park was extended and the entire field was fenced at Washington Street.

Special play areas on Salem and Curtis Streets, donated by private citizens, were leased and used and a Hockey Rink installed at Dickie's Pond and flood lights furnished.

The Board employed Edward A. Batchelder as Athletic Director in charge of athletic activities and supervised play was conducted by Miss Irving and a corps of instructors working under a W. P. A. project.

Miss Irving reports an average daily attendance of 685. This attendance would seem to fully justify the expenditure on Parks and especially on supervised play.

With the Parks now in good condition, funds should be provided each year for caretakers in the summer months to preserve the work already done.

### **Garage**

The Special Committee on Town Garage reported to the General Committee to the effect that the Board of Public Works needs a garage immediately and that it should be so located and constructed that whatever construction is undertaken it could readily be expanded

to take care of all Departments of the Town as they wish to come into the project. The Committee did not favor the Town Dump for a location. It has since developed that the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway would sell the 17 acre plot on John Street beyond the foundry and running back to the B. and M. R. R. for \$3600. A refusal of this land has been taken subject to the approval of the Town. It is hoped that a bond issue may be approved at the Town Meeting to provide this garage as it is seriously needed and cannot be built at any immediate later date as cheaply as now. In the meantime the Board is spending some sixty dollars per month for rents and it will be necessary to spend possibly \$500.00 strengthening the present valueless building on John Street, if they are to spend another year there.

## **Water**

The Filtration Plant went into operation on July 21. The product of this plant is a nearly perfect water at a very low operating cost. The only domestic problem for the urban resident which cannot be solved by the individual and for which there is no substitute is pure palatable water. Reading has now solved the problem which has been an annoyance for years and has an ample supply of exceptional water, and at low cost. The Town authorized a bond issue of \$94,250.00. Bonds were issued in the amount of \$42,000.00. A short term loan of \$15,000.00 was raised which has been redeemed. The new plant cost \$70,426.79. The U. S. Government furnished \$29,250.00, leaving a net cost of \$41,176.79 to the Town. The balance of the bond issue has been cancelled.

The reduction in water rates has been fully justified in the year's returns.

The addition of eight wells each year for the next four years, at a cost of approximately \$1,250.00 per year is suggested as an economic measure. Progress is being made toward the installing of a 12" force main on Ash Street to connect with the southern standpipe. This will reduce the cost of pumping somewhat. The integrity of the Grove Street Pumping Station is being improved by a new electric power line being carried up Grove Street where previously the power came in from the Wilmington line only and has once failed us in mid-summer. What might happen in a winter sleet storm is a conjecture.

A second force main from the Grove Street Station to the junction of multiple mains at Franklin Street is seriously needed as it is the sole supply. In the meantime, to be sure of water service, the Mill Street Station has been put into condition at a very slight expense to allow it to go into service on short notice, if the Grove Street Station should fail through any cause, mechanical, electrical or loss of force main.

**Renumbering Houses**

This project was started by the W. P. A., but when the time came for actual assignment, could not be carried through by them on account of an adverse ruling from headquarters. The Board of Public Works had in the meantime held hearings which were well attended. The Board proceeded to assign the numbers and legal notice was given each householder. A very large percentage of the houses have been re-numbered and the inconvenience afforded the non-conformist is fast persuading him to do likewise.

**Flood Relief**

On March 19, 1936, a request was received from Lowell for help as the City was in serious danger. All but two of the Department's trucks, manned by Department employees, and in charge of Department Foremen and the Superintendent left Reading at 7 P. M., transporting some eighty W. P. A. workers. These men saw service over long periods for the next few days and were a credit to Reading. The Reading men working on Marginal Street, under our Superintendent, constructed the dike across the Railroad tracks at the Norman School which saved the high valued business section of Lowell.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S**

**REPORT**

To the Board of Public Works:  
Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the sixteenth annual report of the Department of Public Works (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

Maintenance Account:	
Appropriation .....	\$ 54,800.00
Insurance Refund .....	80.07
Transferred 12/30/36 .....	400.00
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	\$ 55,280.07
Expenditures:	
1. Office Maintenance:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,114.49
Supplies, Printing, Insurance, etc. ....	2,485.87
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	\$ 4,600.36

2. Pumping Station Costs:		
Station No. 1, Mill Street:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	909.78
Light .....		146.16
Coal .....		256.02
Telephone .....		71.39
Misc. Supplies and Repairs .....		136.77
Taxes— Town of North Reading .....		5.70
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	\$	1,525.82
Station No. 2, Off Grove Street:		
Payroll .....	\$	1,654.62
Light and Power .....		5,262.56
Heater Oil .....		181.44
Misc. Repairs and Supplies .....		326.78
Loam, Grass Seed and Fertilizer .....		264.42
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	\$	7,689.82
3. Maintenance of Meters:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,796.92
Supplies and Fittings .....		321.05
Express .....		4.05
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	\$	2,122.02
4. Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
Pay Roll.....	\$	1,606.80
Supplies, Miscellaneous .....		296.24
Thawing Services .....		29.30
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	\$	1,932.34
5. Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,513.02
Supplies, Tools and Miscellaneous .....		190.15
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	\$	1,703.17
6. Maturing Bonds .....	\$	15,000.00
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	\$	15,000.00
7. Bond Interest .....	\$	2,980.00
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	\$	2,980.00

8. Truck and Equipment Maintenance:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 7.11	
Repairs and Maintenance .....	317.52	
Gasoline and Oil .....	260.62	
New Equipment .....	225.00	
Tires and Tubes .....	81.85	
Miscellaneous .....	9.50	
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		\$ 901.60

9. Shop Maintenance:

Miscellaneous Supplies, Lights, Repairs ..	\$ 54.38	
Coal .....	79.21	
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		\$ 133.59

10. Main Pipe Construction:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,780.96	
Pipe, Fittings, and Supplies .....	6,669.63	
Blasting, etc. ....	50.55	
Boston and Maine R. R. —Labor.....	96.85	
Express and Freight .....	5.11	
Fittings—Wells .....	1,107.53	
Tools, Repairs to Tools, Miscellaneous .....	359.76	
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		\$ 12,070.39

11. Service Pipe Construction:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,058.77	
Pipe .....	402.10	
Supplies and Fittings .....	1,272.33	
Express .....	11.90	
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		\$ 2,745.10

12. Meter Construction:

New Meters .....	\$ 378.00	
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		\$ 378.00

13. Hydrant Maintenance:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 303.25	
New Hydrants .....	263.62	
Tools and Supplies .....	31.60	
Repairs .....	19.75	
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		\$ 618.22



14. Misc. Unclassified:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 879.17	
		\$ 879.17
Grand Total Expended .....		\$ 55,279.60
Balance, Dec. 31, 1936 .....		\$ .47
<b>P. W. A. Water Filtration Plant</b>		
1935 Balance Forward .....		\$ 58,584.86
Expended 1936:		
Contract—Tuller Const. Co. ....	\$ 42,797.32	
Contract—Rideout, Chandler and Joyce ..	3,448.00	
Engineering—Weston and Sampson .....	4,620.17	
Controllers .....	1,704.00	
Bronze Tablet .....	65.00	
Misc. Supplies and Fittings .....	290.28	
Total Expended 1936 .....		\$ 52,924.77
Bal. 12/31/36 .....		\$ 5,660.09
1936 Receipts:		
1935 Balance Forward .....	\$ 4,352.17	
Meter Rates .....	49,718.07	
Service Pipe Maintenance .....	381.46	
Service Pipe Construction .....	1,180.82	
Rent .....	180.00	
Fines and Summons .....	117.45	
Hydrant Rental .....	1,500.00	
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00	
Sprinklers .....	44.00	
Meter Maintenance .....	2.00	
Miscellaneous .....	8.22	
Total .....		\$ 57,584.19
Total Expenditures .....		55,279.60
Balance from Receipts .....		2,304.59
Total Cost of Water System since beginning to Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$687,026.77
Main Extension Maint. Acct. ....	\$ 12,070.39	
Meters .....	378.00	
Filtration Plant .....	52,924.77	
		\$ 65,373.16
Total Cost Dec. 31, 1936 .....		\$752,399.93

# FINANCIAL STATISTICS

## EXPENDITURES

Water Works Maintenance:	
Total Maintenance .....	\$ 22,016.20
Interest on Bonds .....	2,980.00
Payment of Bonds .....	15,000.00

Total Maintenance .....	\$ 39,996.20
Water Works Construction:	
Extension of Mains .....	\$ 12,341.22
Extension of Services .....	2,599.69
Extension of Meters .....	378.00

Total Construction .....	\$ 15,318.91
Balance .....	2,304.59
Total .....	\$ 57,619.70

## RECEIPTS

Balance Brought Forward from 1935	\$ 4,352.17
From Meter Rates .....	\$ 49,753.58
From Meter Maintenance .....	2.00
Sprinkler System Payments .....	44.00

Total from Consumers .....	\$ 49,799.58
From Drinking Fountains .....	\$ 100.00
From Hydrants .....	1,500.00

Total from Municipal Depts. ....	\$ 1,600.00
Rents, Fines, Summons, Misc. Receipts	305.67
Service Pipes .....	1,562.28
Main Pipe Maint. ....	.00
Hydrant Maintenance .....	.00
Total .....	\$ 57,619.70

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Rainfall at Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain- fall—Inches	Rainfall in 1936—Inches	Excess or Deficiency 1936
January	3.43	6.60	+3.17
February	3.23	3.09	— .14
March	3.78	7.23	+3.45
April	3.99	3.01	— .98
May	2.91	2.05	— .86
June	3.58	2.73	— .85
July	3.25	1.75	—1.50
August	3.41	4.49	+1.08
September	3.74	4.15	+ .41
October	2.91	1.59	—1.32
November	3.14	1.37	—1.77
December	3.45	8.24	+4.79
Totals	40.82	46.30	+5.48

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the State, is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of Rainfall for the years 1900—1936 inclusive, the average Rainfall at the Reading Pumping Station No. 1 on Mill Street is 40.82 inches.

The Rainfall this past year was an excess of 1.76 inches compared with the State observations and an excess of 5.48 inches compared with the Pumping Station observations.

There was an excess of Rainfall in the months of January, March, August, September and December of 12.90 inches; and a deficiency in the months of February, April, May, June, October and November of 7.42 inches, compared each month with an average Rainfall between the years of 1900-1936 inclusive.

The greatest Rainfall in 1936 for any one month was in December, with a fall of 8.24 inches; in any one day, Thursday, December 10, with a fall of 2.11 inches. The elevation of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately 80 feet above sea level.

**AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 to 1936 INCLUSIVE**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02

# AMOUNT OF RAINFALL (Continued)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.25	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
Average	3.43	3.23	3.78	3.99	2.91	3.58	3.25	3.41	3.74	2.91	3.14	3.45	40.82



**WATER DEPARTMENT**  
**TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW**

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1				.15						.21		
2	.63		.62	.88							.05	1.40
3	.56				.62						T	.01
4	.76	.54	.05		.34			.39			.48	
5			.28	.41			.05	.01				
6	.09			.10				.67				.43
7				.13			T					
8							.47		.24	T	.35	
9	1.10			.19			.31			.01		.01
10							.31		.01	.09		2.11
11			1.62	.40		.28	.03					1.51
12		.23	.59	.03					.14			.09
13	.06				.39	.02						
14		.89		.09		1.21		.01			.06	
15	1.58			.25	.04	.27				.07		
16		1.14								.08		.44
17	.01		.02		.08			.84		.80	T	
18	.58	.29	1.62	.01	.03	.34	.02		2.08			
19			.06		.09	.39		.09				1.62
20	1.23		.11	.03			.29		.06			.32
21			.79	.22				.03		.32		
23						.02				.01	.07	
24			.45			.13	.19		.12	T	.06	
25				.01			.04				.30	.12
26						.05						
27			1.02		.46	.02						
28				.08				.38			T	
29				.03			.04	.90				T
30									1.50			.14
31												.04
Monthly totals	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24
Totals to date	6.60	9.69	16.92	19.93	21.8	24.71	26.46	30.95	35.10	36.69	38.06	46.30

## **SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

For Year Ending December 31, 1936

### **Reading Water Department**

**Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts**

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#### **General Statistics**

Population by census of 1935: 10,703.

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill St.; 1931, Grove St.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

#### **Pumping Statistics**

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

#### **Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station**

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1—2-stage  $5/4$  DeLaval, 75 H. P. 1750  
R. P. M., 3 phase, 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G. P. M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2—2-stage  $8/6$  DeLaval, 125 H. P. 1750  
R. P. M. 3 phase, 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G. P. M.

K. W. H. used for year: 284,145.

Power cost for year, \$5,262.56.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 249,110,100 gallons.

Cost of pumping per million gallons, power only: \$21.13.

Average number gallons pumped per K. W. H.: 876.70.

Cost of pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 Expenses,  
per million gallons pumped: \$30.87.

Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on Total  
maintenance, plus interest on Bonds: \$100.70.

Average static head against which pumps work: 227.

Average dynamic head against which pumps work: 258.

### **Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains**

Kind of pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.

Sizes: 1¼ inches to 12 inches.

Extended: 889.0 feet of 12" Cast Iron Main, 3,048.5 feet of 6" Cast Iron Main, 110.0 feet 1¼" galv. Iron Main.

Total in use at present: 46.57 Miles (6" to 12").

Cost of maintenance per mile: \$36.57.

Number of Hydrants added during year: 6.

Number of Hydrants in use (Public and Private): 296.

Number of Stop Gates added during year: 27.

Number of Stop Gates now in use: 749.

Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 149.

Number of Blow-offs added during year: None.

Number of Blow-offs now in use: 28.

Range of pressure on Mains: 45-90 lbs.

### **Statistics Relating to Suction Mains**

Kind of pipe: Cast Iron.

Sizes of pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".

Total number of feet in use: 116 feet of 16"; 1270 feet of 12"; 940 feet of 10"; 1995 feet of 8". Total: 4315 feet.

Gates on Suction Mains: 1-16"; 4-12"; 2-8"; 77- 2½" Gates.

Wells in use: Line A-15 Wells; Line B-17 Wells; Line C-11 Wells; Line D-12 Wells; Line E-9 Wells; Line F-13 Wells. Total: 77 Wells.

### **Statistics Relating to Services**

Services: Kinds of pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined, and Copper Tubing.

Sizes ¾" to 6".

Extended 3,466.10 feet.

Total in use: 39.12 miles.

Number of active service taps added during year: 62.

Number of service taps in use: 2,695.

Average length of services—1936: 55.02 feet.

Average cost of service to owners—1936: \$18.47.

Number of water meters tested: 380.

Number of water meters repaired: 201.

Number of water meters added: 40.

Number of water meters junked: 2.

Number of water meters now in use: 2,850.

## WATER BONDS AND INTEREST

There were \$15,000.00 in bonds payable in 1936.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1936 amounted to \$2,980.00.

There are \$11,000 in bonds and \$2,572.50 interest due in 1937 as follows :

Payable	Interest	Bonds
Mar. 15, 1937	\$ 120.00	
Apr. 15, 1937	720.00	\$ 2,000.00
June 1, 1937	495.00	3,000.00
Sept. 15, 1937	120.00	1,000.00
Oct. 15, 1937	685.00	5,000.00
Dec. 1, 1937	432.50	
	\$ 2,572.50	\$ 11,000.00

## COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS— 1927 to 1936 INCLUSIVE

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on total Maint. & Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1927	119,057,792	2,576,224 Inc.	326,185	7,058 Inc.	\$212.37	8796
1928	131,714,708	12,656,916 Inc.	359,876	33,691 Inc.	237.31	8796
1929	139,983,143	8,268,435 Inc.	383,515	23,639 Inc.	213.75	8769
1930	147,186,973	7,203,830 Inc.	403,257	19,742 Inc.	494.92	9747
1931	144,923,924	2,263,049 Dec.	397,051	6,206 Dec.	211.95	9747
1932	161,609,500	16,685,576 Inc.	441,423	44,372 Inc.	120.73	9747
1933	171,847,300	10,237,800 Inc.	470,389	28,966 Inc.	113.22	9747
1934	221,260,400	49,413,100 Inc.	606,192	135,803 Inc.	115.05	9767
1935	248,075,400	26,815,000 Inc.	679,658	73,466 Inc.	90.61	10703
1936	249,110,100	1,034,700 Inc.	680,629	971 Inc.	100.70	10703

# WATER DEPARTMENT YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE MEADOW PUMPING STATION

January 1, 1936 to December 31, 1936

Month	No. Days	No. Hrs.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gal. Per K.W.H.	Rain- fall	Fuel Daily Av. Oil Gals. Pumped
January .....	31	389	30	19,769,200	227	21,600	915.24	6.60	365 637,716
February .....	29	408	00	20,503,600	227	22,500	911.26	3.09	380 707,020
March .....	31	410	15	21,561,600	227	22,400	962.57	7.23	215 695,535
April .....	30	391	00	21,355,500	227	21,650	986.39	3.01	200 711,850
May .....	31	449	30	23,886,800	227	26,000	918.72	2.05	105 770,542
June .....	30	480	00	26,039,200	227	27,020	963.70	2.73	867,973
July .....	31	538	30	25,044,400	227	29,375	852.57	1.75	807,884
August .....	31	433	30	22,652,200	227	28,650	790.65	4.49	730,716
September .....	30	352	45	18,419,800	227	22,950	802.60	4.15	613,993
October .....	31	341	20	17,509,600	227	21,450	816.29	1.59	250 564,826
November .....	30	318	15	16,659,000	227	20,925	796.04	1.37	430 555,300
December .....	31	301	30	15,709,200	227	19,625	800.46	8.24	630 506,748
Totals .....	366	4,814	05	249,110,100	227	284,145	876.70	46.30	2,575 680,629



## WATER DEPARTMENT

### 1936 Main Water Pipe Extension

Street	16"	12"	10"	8"	6"	1½"	1"	Total
Vale Road .....					303.3			303.3
Birch Meadow ....					159.0			159.0
California Road ...					87.5			87.5
Fairview Avenue ..					502.0			502.0
Sunnyside Avenue ..					78.0			78.0
Puritan Road .....					628.9			628.9
Priscilla Road ....					519.3			519.3
Lawrence Road ..					70.0			70.0
Laneton Way .....					184.0			184.0
Oak Ridge Road ..					486.5			486.5
Vista Avenue .....						50.5		50.5
South Street .....						59.5		59.5
Ash Street .....		889.0						889.0
Summer Avenue ..					30.0			30.0
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Totals		889.0			3048.5	110.0		4,047.5

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### New Hydrants Set

No.	Date	Make	Location	Gated
1.	1/36	Corey	Vale Road, North Side Between No. 14-No. 16	Yes
2.	6/36	Corey	Lawrence Road, North Side, near No. 20	"
3.	5/36	Corey	Priscilla Rd., West Side, near No. 34	"
4.	5/36	Corey	Puritan Road, North Side, Opposite No. 15	"
5.	4/36	Corey	Fairview Av., North Side, cor. Sunny's Ave.	"
6.	9/36	Corey	Oak Ridge Rd., East Side, South of No. 15	"

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Kind and Sizes of Meters in use January 1, 1937

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Tots.
Nash	1249	13	11	1	3	3				1280
Hersey	535	11	24	6	9	6	1	1	1	594
Empire	257	1	2				2			262
Gamon	182		2							184
Trident	127									127
Crown	69	2	2		3	9				85
Union	48		1		1					50
Lambert	49		2							51
Worthington	35					1				36
Pittsburg	144	13		2						159
Keystone	1			8						9
Federal	8									8
Thompson	3		1							4
Columbia	1									1
Totals	2708	40	45	17	16	19	3	1	1	2850

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Water Mains Installed for Possible Future Connections

Street	Location	Size pipe	Length of pipe	Stop gates	Size
Woburn St.	Intersection of Pratt St.	6"	34.5	1	6"
Woburn St.	Intersection of Copeland Ave.	6"	29.0	1	6"
Woburn St.	Intersection of Perkins Ave.	6"	33.0	1	6"
Woburn St.	Intersection of Gilmore Ave.	6"	35.0	1	6"
Lowell St.	Intersection of Parkman Rd.	6"	32.6	1	6"
Lowell St.	Intersection of Dustin Rd.	6"	16.8	1	6"
Lowell St.	Intersection of Street No. 3	6"	32.5	1	6"
Lowell St.	Intersection of Street No. 4	6"	16.0	1	6"
Totals			229.4	8	

## WATER DEPARTMENT

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An increase in home building in Reading during 1936 resulted in the extension of several water mains and the installation of 62 house services. The number of house services installed has not been equalled since 1930, when 65 services were laid. It is expected that a greater number of services will be installed in 1937.

A development in Puritan Park, off Lowell Street resulted in the construction of two six inch water mains, as follows: Puritan Road, from Lowell St. to John Carver Road, and Priscilla Road, from Puritan Road easterly.

Fourteen new houses were served by these two main extensions, which were installed under a 4 per cent guarantee, the Town being guaranteed by the property owners a revenue, payable semi-annually, of 4 per cent of the original cost of construction of the mains. Four other six inch mains and two one-and-one-quarter inch mains were installed under the 4 per cent guarantee on Fairview Ave., Lawrence Road, Lane-ton Way, Oak Ridge Road, Vista Avenue and South Street. Fire hydrants were set on five of these main extensions.

On Vale Road, a 6" main was laid from the dead end to Woodward Avenue, eliminating a blow-off on the dead end. On California Road, 87.5 feet of 1 1-4" main was replaced with 6" main, to increase circulation in the mains. On Summer Avenue two dead ends were connected with a 6" main.

Due to the permanent road construction of portions of Woburn and Lowell Streets, eight 6" taps were made and run to the street lines of intersecting streets for future use, four on Woburn St. and four on Lowell St. On Woburn Street, taps were made at the intersection of Pratt St., Copeland, Perkins and Gilmore Avenues, and on Lowell Street, at Parkman and Dustin Roads and two proposed streets designated as Streets No. 3 and No. 4.

To prevent the recurrence of freezing of certain water mains, the 1 1-4" main on Intervale Terrace was lowered for a length of 53.5 feet; and on Martin Road for a length of 75.0 feet. These two mains have both frozen several times in the past. On South Street a section of 6" main was raised by offsets to clear a new storm drain.

The proposed 12" water main on Ash Street, from the B. and M. R. R. Crossing to the present 12" main on Brook Street, is now in process of installation. The job was started by Water Department employees. W. P. A. approval having been previously granted, the project is now carried on under W. P. A., supervised by Water Department employees. In order to carry on the work more efficiently, during the Winter, the W. P. A. employees work in two shifts of three days each, and watchmen are assigned to work nights to keep small fires burning in the trench to prevent frost forming. In past years, frost formed

so rapidly that each day the men were compelled to spend most of the daily work period removing frost formed during the previous night.

The 12" main was installed under the Boston and Maine Railroad right-of-way by the Water Department. The work was accomplished at night when train traffic was lightest, and railroad employees were present to bridge the rails over the water trench. The joints in the water main were thoroughly tested before back-filling the trench.

The most important addition to the water system during 1936 was the completion and putting in operation of the Aeration and Filtration Plant.

The filtered water was first pumped into the Town system on July 21, 1936, after being chlorinated to insure good bacterial quality. On July 31, 1936, permission was received from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to discontinue the use of chlorine. Since then, unchlorinated water has been supplied to the mains.

The public was invited to attend the official opening of the Plant. Many persons did attend, the process of filtration being explained to them by officials of the Board of Public Works. It may be of interest to include herein a brief description of the treatment of water in the Filtration Plant.

The process of treatment consists in removing the dissolved iron by first removing the carbon dioxide gas which holds it in solution, and replacing it with oxygen which combines with the iron to form insoluble iron hydrate (red rust) which is removed by filtration.

The exchange of carbon dioxide and oxygen is effected by the use of spray nozzles and by exposure of the water to the air as it passes through the trickler, a device sometimes called a contact aerator.

The iron first oxidizes to a finely divided (colloidal) condition or state. To bring these insoluble but fine, dispersed particles into aggregates or bunches large enough to be retained by the sand in the filter, the aerated water is brought in contact with the coke in the trickler and with the accumulation of iron hydrate which forms thereon.

A basin is provided beneath the aerator to afford additional time for flocculation and to remove by subsidence some of the iron hydrate, including that sloughing off the coke, before the water passes to the filters, in this way removing the sand of some of its burden.

The filters act as strainers and in some cases,—when the water has not been adequately prepared—as contact aerators. When the treatment is satisfactory, the iron will be retained at the sand surface; when interfered with by excessive amounts of organic matter or manganese, or when aeration and contact are inadequate, the iron will penetrate the sand layer and necessitate deeper scrapings of sand when the filters are cleaned.

After passing through the sand filters the water passes directly to

the filtered water basin, and from there is pumped through the pumping station to the distribution mains.

Regular monthly analyses of samples of water taken both before and after filtration by the Water Department and by Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, show that the raw water, while clear when first drawn from the wells develops a heavy turbidity and high color on standing. It contains a high amount of iron and carbon dioxide and a small amount of manganese, and indicates the timely construction of the filter plant. The samples of filtered water show a perfect result, being clear, colorless and are practically free from iron, manganese, and carbon dioxide.

The filters have been raked once since being put in operation, to permit more rapid filtration. This raking was very shallow, on the surface only, to prevent a too deep penetration of iron hydrate.

Since the advent of filtered water in the distribution mains, complaints due to discolored, odorous water, have ceased from consumers. Dead ends have been well flushed by blow-offs and hydrants periodically throughout the year.

The regular annual inspection of fire hydrants was made, and repairs made where necessary. The hydrants were freshly painted a bright red with aluminum trimmings to improve their visibility. Several hydrants were moved or raised where conditions warranted, due to road construction, curbing installation, and other causes. Two hydrants were broken by automobiles during 1936, at the following locations Salem Street, corner Belmont; Main Street, near No. 958. In both cases the owners of cars striking the hydrants were of the "Hit and run" type, and were not apprehended. Six new hydrants were set, in each case being installed on extensions of water mains, one each being set on the following streets: Vale Road, Lawrence Road, Priscilla Road, Puritan Road, Fairview Avenue and Oak Ridge Road.

There were 62 new house services installed in 1936 and one service relaid. These services totaled 3,466.10 feet in length, or an average length of 55.02 feet per service. Prior to the Chapter 90 construction of Woburn Street and Lowell Street, all house service taps that had been in for a long period of years were excavated and where necessary, new leads and pipes were installed.

Several services were laid to vacant lots for future use. A total of 101 house services were repaired during the year, and 67 new cellar shut-offs were installed. On 44 services it was necessary to repair the service pipe at the cellar wall. The State Dept. of Public Works Main St. sidewalk and curbing project made it necessary to reset many curb boxes to grade, and in several instances lower the service pipe itself, to prevent freezing where grade had been lowered. One house service was lowered, at the owner's expense, to prevent freezing.

Meter maintenance for 1936 included 380 meters removed for tests,



stoppage or replacements. Of these, 294 have been repaired, tested and reset, 86 meters from services shut off have been repaired and are waiting to be reset when the services are turned on again; 56 new meters have been set, and 2 old meters junked. Fifty-two of the new meters were on new services, four were replacements for old meters. Twenty-two meters were frozen during the year. In the early fall, the customary examination of meter boxes was made, and meters felted to prevent freezing. New brick meter boxes, to replace wooden meter boxes in danger of collapse were installed in seven locations. In several instances, where possible, meters were taken from street boxes and installed in cellars.

The annual inspection of driven wells was made and each well was plumbed and measured to ascertain the amount of sand in the well, after which each well was washed and cleaned. Tests were also made of the water in each well. One well on Line A was cut off from the system because of fine sand strata in which well is driven. Because of defective well connections from well to suction main, four connection leads were replaced, on wells No. 30, No. 32, No. 12 and No. 8, on Lines B. C. and F, respectively.

There are now 77 wells in operation at Hundred Acres.

Mill Street Pumping Station has been held in readiness for emergency use, but has not been in operation during 1936. Repairs have been made to the boilers and pumps, and buildings. The lime shed has been used as a store house for pipe and fittings.

After completion of the Ash St. 12" water main, I recommend the installation of a 12" main to Hundred Acre Pumping Station from Grove and Franklin Street. Although Grove Street has a 12" and 8" main from Franklin St. to Lowell and High Streets, and Franklin Street an 8" main from Grove to Main Street, there is but a single 12" main on Grove St. from Hundred Acre Station to Franklin Street. A break in this single main might well cause a serious shortage of water under certain conditions. The dual 12" main would eliminate this hazard. I also recommend the installation of an auxiliary power line to Hundred Acre Station. The present line enters from Wilmington, and during the severe wind and rain storm on August 17, 1936, the wires were down and power cut off for over 1 1-2 hours. This condition might also occur during sleet and snow storms, and if not repaired promptly, be of grave consequence. A power line could be installed up Grove Street from Lowell Street. The Municipal Light Department is co-operating in this matter and have already done considerable work towards making this auxiliary line a fact. I also recommend that a new line of wells be driven each year for several successive years so that the supply of water will always be more than adequate for the Town's needs.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Gentlemen :

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department :  
 Appropriations and Balances voted in March Town Meeting :

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction	\$ 39,000.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	14,300.00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	1,000.00
4. Sidewalk Construction .....	2,000.00
5. Development of Storm Water Drainage ..	3,500.00
6. Construction of Fairview Ave. ....	983.00
7. Construction of Sunnyside Ave. ....	1,060.00
8. Construction of Hartshorn St. ....	2,349.00
9. Chapter 90 Const., West and Woburn Sts.	4,000.00
10. Chapter 90 Const., Lowell St. ....	3,000.00
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Total .....	\$ 71,192.00

Unexpended balances from previous appropriations :

11. Construction of Colburn Road .....	\$ 1,327.12	
12. Construction of Chapin Ave. ....	307.23	
13. Construction of County Rd. ....	69.39	
14. Construction of Winthrop Ave. ....	17.94	1,721.68
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15. Transfer Oct. 1, 1936 for Maint. of Dumps		200.00
16. Transfer Nov. 30, 1936 to Highway Dept.		200.00
17. Chapter 90 Maintenance .....		2,000.00
18. Refund to Highway Dept. ....		13.65
19. Transfer Oct. 1, 1936 to Sidewalk A/C ..		300.00
20. Received from State and County for Chap. 90 Construction, West and Woburn Sts.		6,500.00
21. Received from State and County for Chap. 90 Construction, Lowell St. ....		7,500.00
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Total .....		\$ 89,627.33

Expenditures and Balances of above Appropriations  
 Item

1. Appro. for Maint. and Const. ....	\$ 39,000.00
16. Transfer 11/30/36 .....	200.00
17. Chapter 90 Maint. ....	2,000.00
18. Refund .....	13.65
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	\$ 41,213.65

Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 14,778.98	
General Repairs .....	2,426.99	
Road Material .....	7,714.09	
Misc. Supplies and Tools .....	16,282.99	
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Total		\$ 41,203.05
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 10.60
2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....		\$ 14,300.00
Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 9,008.29	
Sidewalk Plowing .....	\$ 1,472.22	
Hired Trucks .....	1,284.25	
Repairs, Equipment and Supplies .....	4,533.91	
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Total		\$ 16,298.67
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Overdrawn		\$ 1,998.67
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....		\$ 1,000.00
Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 869.12	
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	130.86	
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Total		\$ 999.98
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Balance Unexpended		\$ .02
4. Sidewalk Construction .....		\$ 2,000.00
19. Transfer Oct. 1, 1936 .....		300.00
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		\$ 2,300.00
Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,713.91	
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	583.63	
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Total		\$ 2,297.54
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 2.46

5. Development of Storm Water Drainage ..		\$ 3,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,426.51	
Supplies .....	1,071.73	
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Total		\$ 3,498.24
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 1.76
6. Construction of Fairview Ave. ....		\$ 983.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 381.65	
Supplies .....	598.25	
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Total		\$ 979.90
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 3.10
7. Construction of Sunnyside Ave. ....		\$ 1,060.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 493.48	
Supplies .....	566.05	
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Total		\$ 1,059.53
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Balance Unexpended		\$ .47
8. Construction of Hartshorn Street ....		\$ 2,349.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 455.21	
Supplies .....	547.70	
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		\$ 1,002.91
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 1,346.09
9. Chapter 90 Const., West and Woburn Sts.		\$ 4,000.00
20. Received from State and County .....		6,500.00
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		\$ 10,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,700.99	
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	6,799.01	
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Total		\$ 10,500.00
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Balance Unexpended		\$ .00
10. Chapter 90 Const., Lowell St. ....		\$ 3,000.00
21. Received from State and County .....		7,500.00
Total		\$ 10,500.00

Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	3,818.49
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....		5,899.19
Total		<u>\$ 9,717.68</u>
Balance Unexpended		\$ 782.32
11. Construction of Colburn Road .....	\$	1,327.12
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	450.70
Supplies .....		205.19
Total		<u>\$ 655.89</u>
Balance Unexpended		\$ 671.23
12. Construction of Chapin Ave. ....	\$	307.23
No Expenditures 1936		
13. Construction of County Road .....	\$	69.39
No Expenditures 1936		
14. Construction of Winthrop Ave. ....	\$	17.94
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	17.27
Balance Unexpended		<u>\$ .67</u>
15. Maintenance of Dumps .....	\$	200.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	200.00
Balance Unexpended		<u>\$ .00</u>

### TOTALS

Item	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balances	Bal. Fwd.
1-16-17-18	\$ 41,206.09	\$ 41,203.05	\$ 3.04	
2	14,300.00	16,298.67	1,998.67	
3	1,000.00	999.98	.02	
4-19	2,300.00	2,297.54	2.46	
5	3,500.00	3,498.24	1.76	
6	983.00	979.90	3.10	
7	1,060.00	1,059.53	.47	
8	2,349.00	1,002.91	1,346.09	\$ 1,346.09
9-20	10,500.00	10,500.00		
10-21	10,500.00	9,717.68	782.32	782.32
11	1,327.12	655.89	671.23	671.23
12	307.23	.00	307.23	307.23
13	69.39	.00	69.39	69.39
14	17.94	17.27	.67	
15	200.00	200.00	.00	



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Highway Department during 1936 accomplished much, both in routine repair and maintenance of streets, drains, and kindred activities as well as new work. The use of Town equipment on W. P. A. projects continued, but was relieved to some extent by the acquisition by W. P. A. of two trucks for their own use.

Sections of three streets, namely, West, Woburn and Lowell, were constructed under Chapter 90 appropriations, and three streets under Chapter 83 appropriations, namely Sunnyside and Fairview Avenues and Hartshorn Street.

Installation of granolithic sidewalks and granite curbing under Chapter 83, which permits the assessment of betterments, was extended appreciably more than for several years past.

Storm water drainage construction for the most part was accomplished by W. P. A. labor, although several drains were installed by Department employees.

A brief resume of the work accomplished by the Highway Department follows

### **Snow and Ice Removal**

The first snow storm of major proportion in 1936 started on Saturday, January 18. The plows were called out at 4:00 P. M. and covered their routes twice, and were through plowing at 10:00 P. M., the storm having stopped. Work started immediately on removing snow from the Square and Haven Street, and at 4:00 A. M. Sunday, January 19, the work was finished.

At 6:00 A. M. on January 19, snow again began to fall, increasing in volume to such an extent that plowing again started at 10:00 A. M. with all Department equipment and two hired truck plows, owned by local truckmen. The storm increased in intensity during the day and in late afternoon was accompanied by a 50 M. P. H. wind of gale velocity and a rapidly falling temperature. Roads were kept passable at all times, however, and the storm was over at 10:00 P. M. on January 19. By Monday morning, January 20, all public roads were fully opened. Approximately 13 inches of snow-fall was recorded.

During the storm, the following plow units suffered mechanical breakdowns; Chevrolet K. P. Truck, burnt clutch—time lost for repairs, 4 hrs.; 3½ ton Diamond T. Truck, bearing on drive shaft in transmission gave way—time lost for repairs, from 9:30 P. M., January 19, to 9:00 P. M. January 21; Caterpillar tractor, burnt out main clutch—time out for repairs, from January 20 to January 25. Of all breakdowns, that of the 3½ ton Diamond T. Truck was the most serious, as this unit was laid up during the height of the storm.

Snow removal from the Square, Haven St., churches, public buildings and filling stations, was started at 11:00 P. M. Sunday, January

19, and completed Wednesday, January 22 at 8:30 P. M. Thirteen hired trucks, two W. P. A. trucks, and a crew of shovelers were engaged in this work.

Sidewalk plows were called out at 4:00 P. M. Saturday, January 18, and plowed at intervals throughout the storms; however, they were unable to keep up with the heavy snow-fall, and it was necessary to send crews of shovelers with each horse-drawn plow unit.

W. P. A. projects having been stopped by snow and cold weather on Monday, January 20, permission was granted to use these men on snow removal. A crew of 144 men were thus available, and, equipped with snow shovels, were sent out to open private ways, lanes, sidewalks and intersections; and to clear hydrants and catch basins. Valuable service was rendered the Department by these men, who worked for two and one half days on snow removal work.

Snow was removed from streets in front of three private homes where deaths had occurred, one private lane was shoveled because of illness in a residence situated thereon, and a path on private property was shoveled for an elderly crippled person.

While some few complaints were received during this storm, they were not of a serious nature, being for the most part from citizens residing on private ways or lanes not plowed due to failure of horse-drawn units to cover their routes.

On February 9, another snow storm occurred, with two inches of snow fall. This storm was easily taken care of, as was the storm of February 14, when two more inches of snow fell. On March 3, a storm measuring  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches occurred. This storm was readily taken care of. Again on March 5,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches of snow fell. This snow was not plowed, but streets were sanded continually during the storm, as falling temperature caused icy streets.

Throughout the winter streets were sanded at intervals, as changing temperatures caused fresh ice to form nightly. Also, in several locations, thick ice had to be removed by hand from streets and gutters, namely, King Street at Jr. High School, and Franklin Street between Mansfield's and Stone's property.

The last snow storm of 1936 occurred on November 24, with three inches of snow fall. This storm was readily cleared.

All snow plowing equipment was thoroughly repaired during the fall months, and all equipment painted a uniform color, "Omaha Orange" to improve their visibility while plowing.

Snow plowing units were augmented in 1936 by the addition of a new 5 ton Sterling chain drive truck and a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton Cletrac Tractor. The Sterling has been equipped with a Frink snow plow and the Cletrac with a Sargent plow and a bulldozer.

The privately owned truck units are available for snow plowing on call. Both truck and sidewalk plow routes were re-districted in the

fall of 1936, because of additional equipment, and the drivers familiarized with the new routes by study and trial.

### GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The condition of the highways in the Spring of 1936 were again in a deplorable condition, due to intense cold, heavy snow, and, in the early spring, the abnormal rain-fall which caused disastrous floods in surrounding communities.

Maintenance work started as early in the spring as weather conditions permitted, the first application of Tarvia being on May 5. The new steel Adams Road Hone was used on several streets, and satisfactory results obtained by its use. In time, streets that have been honed on succeeding years will regain a proper shape, with a crowned center and low gutters, presenting a convex surface instead of the present concave surface of many of the Town's streets. Other streets where honing was inadvisable were scarified, graded and rolled. A total of 51,816 gallons of Tarvia B and Retread B, 2,740 gallons of M C 2 cutback asphalt, and 5,258 gallons of 45% Road Oil were applied to road surfaces.

K. P. patching was carried on continuously during the year when weather conditions permitted. Both gravel and pea stone were used as a base for the cold patch liquid. In all, 5,660 gallons of Tarvia K P and 1,640 gallons of asphalt Cold Patch were used. In addition to the cold patch mixed by Highway Department employees, 86 tons of Type E Fine Patch were purchased ready mixed from the Barrett Company and used for highway patching.

Funds were allotted the Town in 1936 from the State Department of Public Works for Chapter 90 Maintenance. These funds were used solely on roads constructed in the past under Chapter 90. From the moneys received, the following streets were treated: West Street, from the Woburn Town line to Prescott Street, and Salem Street, from Harnden Street to the Wakefield Town line, were seal coated with RC-1 Asphalt and covered with pea stone; Haverhill Street, from the North Reading Town line to the Wakefield Town line, was treated with Tarvia Re-treat B and honed; on Main Street, from the State Highway at north of Salem Street to Washington Street, the Square, and Post Office Square, all joints between concrete slabs were poured with Asphalt Joint Filler.

The following streets were accepted as Public Ways under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26, General Laws, which authorize the assessment of betterments for road construction, at the March Town Meeting:

Hartshorn Street, from the acceptance of March, 1900 to Bancroft Avenue; 1375.96 feet.

Sunnyside Avenue, from Prescott Street to Fairview Avenue; 694.53 feet.

Fairview Avenue, from Pratt Street to Sunnyside Avenue; 481.32 feet.

There were two alterations or relocations voted at the annual Town Meeting. At the South-East intersection of Main and Washington Streets the corner was rounded with a radius of 20 feet, and at the South-east intersection of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue the corner was also rounded on a 20 foot radius.

The construction of Sunnyside Avenue and Fairview Avenue has been completed. On Fairview Avenue, it was necessary to install drains, and to secure an easement for drainage through private property. Since the completion of this road, five new houses have been constructed on abutting lots. Sunnyside Avenue, formerly almost impassable during certain seasons, and Fairview Avenue are valuable additions to our system of Public Ways.

Hartshorn Street construction is practically completed, the street having been excavated, graded with gravel, and one coating of tar applied. In the spring of 1937 a final coat of tar will be applied, shoulders and slopes graded, and the street completed. This is one of the most valuable additions of public roads for some years, inasmuch as it opens up a traffic route from the Bancroft Avenue section to Lowell Street also providing a means of entrance to Birch Meadow Playground for residents of the Lowell Street section.

The construction of Winthrop Avenue, accepted as a Public Way in 1935, has been completed. Colburn Road, also accepted in 1935, and carried on as a W. P. A. project, is completed with the exception of surface applications of tar, which will be applied as early in the spring as weather permits.

That section of Main Street between Washington Street and the B. & M. R. R. Crossing, which was not included in the concrete construction of Main Street and had only a tar surface, was badly in need of repairs. The entire section was excavated, to remove the loamy subsoil, and replaced with gravel fill. After grading and rolling, an application of Tarvia was applied. The tar surface was then allowed to cure, and after a suitable period had elapsed, a second application of Tarvia was applied, and pea stone used as a covering material. The road was then honed and due to the top covering of pea stone, appears to have a penetration type of surface. This is however only a temporary job, and due to the heavy traffic a permanent type of road should be constructed in the near future.

## **CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION**

At the March Town Meeting the following sums were appropriated under Section 34, Chapter 90, General Laws, for the purpose of improving and constructing portions of West, Woburn, and Lowell Streets; for West and Woburn Streets, \$4,000.00, for Lowell Street, \$3,000.00 The State and County granted the sums of \$6,500.00 for West



and Woburn Streets and \$7,500.00 for Lowell Street, making the total sum available for West and Woburn Streets \$10,500.00 and for Lowell Street \$10,500.00.

West Street was constructed from the end of the 1933 construction at Prescott Street to the intersection of Woburn and West Streets, and Woburn Street was constructed from West Street to Pratt Street. Preliminary to the actual road construction drainage was installed, curbing reset, and catch basins rebuilt and brought to grade. The roadway was constructed with a Penolithic penetration type of surface.

Lowell Street was constructed from the Wilmington Town line to a point some 700 feet south of the railroad bridge. Drainage, consisting mainly of lateral drains, catch basins, culverts and head walls were installed, and the road-way constructed with Penolithic penetration type of surface. Cable guard rails were installed on approaches to the railroad bridge.

All Chapter 90 construction in 1936 was accomplished by the regular Department employees plus several temporary employees. None was let out to contractors. It might be well here to call attention to the fact that the amount of money expended on payrolls on Chapter 90 projects exceeds the amount of money appropriated by the Town for this purpose. It might also be well to call attention to the fact that on Chapter 90 projects the hourly rates of pay are established by the State Department of Labor and Industries under a new law enacted in 1935. The rates of pay established by this Department in 1936 on Chapter 90 projects in the Town of Reading were, in all cases except unskilled laborers, far in excess of the hourly rates paid in previous years. In some cases the hourly rates required by the Department of Labor and Industries seemed to be entirely unjustified. In most cases the required hourly wage rate, while greater than paid in previous years seemed reasonable. The necessity, however, of paying greater wages on these projects naturally increases the unit cost of same and results in less yardage being laid than in previous years.

A gasoline shovel and hired trucks were employed in earth excavation and gravel fill, the gravel for West and Woburn Streets being taken from the Town pit, and that for Lowell Street being purchased delivered in place from the owner of a private pit on Lowell Street. The pit on Lowell Street being located on the site of the job it was cheaper to buy gravel there than to haul it from the Town Pit off Grove Street.

### **GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS**

Granolithic sidewalks totaling 857.12 square yards on a total frontage of 1,457.14 feet were constructed in 1936 abutting fourteen different properties. Thirteen of these were installed as betterments.

The joints in the granolithic sidewalks on the Westerly side of Main Street and the Northerly side of Haven Street were filled with



Embeco Joint Filler. A cement apron was installed on a driveway at 128 Summer Avenue to prevent washouts by storm water, and to eliminate a severe bump at the driveway entrance.

Five applications for granolithic sidewalk construction totaling 373.62 feet frontage, received in 1936 but not installed because of lack of funds will be given first preference in 1937.

#### **Granolithic Sidewalk Construction By Streets**

Street	Frontage	Square Yards
King Street .....	100.00	54.00
Parkview Road .....	59.80	34.90
Prescott Street .....	122.12	66.80
Kingston Street .....	120.12	70.80
Middlesex Avenue .....	147.25	81.43
Summer Avenue .....	160.00	90.27
Deering Street .....	403.05	224.20
Virginia Road .....	70.81	39.40
Pennsylvania Avenue .....	79.11	42.55
Harnden Street .....	195.00	152.77
Totals .....	1,457.14	857.12

#### **Stone Dust Sidewalks**

A total of 709 tons of stone dust was applied on gravel sidewalks located in various sections of the town. Square yards of surface so treated was approximately 3,264 on a frontage of approximately 5,500 lineal feet.

#### **Gravel Sidewalks**

Construction of gravel sidewalks covering approximately 1164 square yards on a frontage of approximately 1745 lineal feet was accomplished during the year. Gravel sidewalks were constructed abutting new houses, and in several instances old gravel sidewalks were rebuilt.

#### **Street Signs**

Street signs were erected as needed, to replace broken signs and to designate newly accepted Public Ways. All signs erected in 1936 were of wood with painted names. A definite effort should be made to erect signs of a permanent nature on all street corners.

#### **Bound Stones**

Bound stones were set as occasion warranted to define street lines on highways.

#### **Granite Curbing**

Granite curbing installation under the Betterment Act totaled 661.5 feet of straight curbing, 45.5 ft. of radius curbing and 16 driveway returns, and was set abutting eleven different properties. Five applications are on hand received in 1936 but not installed through lack of funds and will be given first preference in 1937.

Prior to the construction of Woburn Street, granite radius curbing was set to define the corners of intersecting streets at the following locations: Woburn Street and Gilmore, Perkins, Copeland and Summer Avenues; Pratt and Wenda Streets, and Bancroft Avenue. A total of 250.35 feet of radius curb and 47.0 feet of straight curb was set in the above locations. Old curbing reset on Woburn Street totaled 375.0 feet of straight curbing and 47.7 feet of radius curbing. At the northwesterly corner of Main and Washington Streets, 12.0 feet of radius curbing was set.

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### 1936 Granite Curbing Installation by Streets

Street	Curbing Installed		Total Length in Feet
	Straight	Radius	
Kingston Street .....	92.0		92.0
Grand Street .....	220.0		220.0
Virginia Road .....	48.0		48.0
Pennsylvania Avenue .....	55.0		55.0
Woburn Street .....	121.5	250.35	371.85
John Street .....	41.0		41.0
Deering Street .....	131.0	45.5	176.5
Main Street .....		12.0	12.0
King Street .....	6.0		6.0
Bancroft Avenue .....	10.0		10.0
Totals .....	724.5	307.85	1,032.35

### Granite Curbing Installed — New

No.	Location	Straight Curbing	Radius Curbing
1.	King Street .....	11.00	
2.	Woburn St., S. W. Corner Gilmore Ave. ..		32.78
3.	Woburn St.—S. E. corner Gilmore Ave. ..	3.0	26.91
4.	Woburn St.—S. W. corner Perkins Ave. ..	7.0	15.63
5.	Woburn St.—S. E. corner Perkins Ave. ..	8.0	12.64
6.	Woburn St.—S. W. corner Copeland Ave.	4.0	15.63
7.	Woburn St.—S. W. corner Summer Ave. ..		36.00
8.	Woburn St.—S. E. corner Pratt St. ....	4.0	16.00
9.	Woburn St.—S. W. corner Wenda St. ....		28.26
10.	Woburn St.—S. E. corner Wenda st. ....		29.00
11.	Woburn St.—S. W. corner Bancroft Ave. '	5.0	12.50
12.	Woburn St.—S. E. Corner Bancroft Ave. .	5.0	13.00
13.	Main St.—N. W. corner Washington St. ..		12.00
Totals .....		47.0	250.35

## STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Storm drains totaling 4,458 feet in length were installed in 1936, for the most part being the result of W. P. A. storm drain projects.

The W. P. A. storm drains on King Street, Willow Street and Lowell Street started in 1935 have been completed. The drain on Summer Avenue from Willow Street to Woodbine Street, also a W. P. A. project has also been completed.

On Hopkins Street, opposite No. 72, two large settling basins were constructed in an effort to drain the water off the roadway at that point. These basins operate efficiently in light rains but in heavy downpours, the water does not leach off fast enough. A storm drain should be installed in this section.

A table showing all drains installed in 1936 follows:

During the floods in March 1936, the culvert across Pleasant Street by Hunt's Nipple Factory proved to be too small to carry off the water from Memorial Park watershed, with the result that Pleasant Street was inundated. To remedy this condition a battery of three 18" corrugated metal culvert pipes were installed, which to date have proved sufficient to accommodate normal flood waters.

The open drain ditch off Kingston Street has been piped and the drain from John Street easterly, which runs through private property, was lowered along its entire length and two invert catch basins built at angles in the drain.

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### Storm Water Drainage

Location	Size and Length of Pipe Installed								C M			
	30"	24"	21"	20"	18"	15"	12"	10"	8"	B	H	Tots.
King St.					46.0		306.0		102.0	9	1	454
Summer Av.					1430.0		860.0		88.0	10	5	2378
Grove St.	28.0											28
Pleasant St.					126.0							126
Linden St.									38.0	2		38
Walnut St.	76.0									1		76
John St.	91.0	110.0								2		201
Hopkins St.										2		
Kingston St.	140.0											140
Woburn St.							210.0			1		210
Lowell St.	52.0				225.0		90.0	60.0		14	2	427
Fairview Av.						186.0			4.0	2		190
Sun'y'de Ave.									12.0	2		12
Penn. Ave.				3.0								3
Willow St.							153.0		22.0	1	1	175
Totals	387.0	110.0	3.0	1827.0	186.0	1619.0	60.0	266.0	46	9	44	58.0

Due to good planning in past years and the installation in most cases, of drainage structures of adequate size the Town of Reading did not suffer any particular damage or inconvenience during the extreme flood conditions in the spring of 1936.

Many towns suffered considerable physical damage and much inconvenience. The damage in other towns necessitated large expenditures on repairs. In Reading the cost of repairs was practically negligible.

## OPEN DITCHES

Cleaning of open ditches was accomplished in the following locations: Knollwood Road to Percy Avenue; Salem St. ditch; Elliott to John St. ditch; Walnut St. and South St. ditch; Bolton St. and Ash St. ditch, and several other minor locations.

In Birch Meadow Playground the main drain ditches were deepened and widened and a section near the tennis courts piped.

Headwalls were constructed in several locations at culverts, and in one instance a stone retaining wall was built to prevent washing out of property abutting an open ditch.

Several culverts were badly damaged during the severe spring floods. Many had to have extensive repairs and several had to be rebuilt entirely.

The drainage conditions in several locations are deplorable. A definite plan for the correction of these conditions has been drawn up by the Department and it is strongly urged the funds be appropriated by the Town each year so that this program may be followed regularly until these deplorable drainage conditions are eliminated.

The Highway Department is greatly handicapped by the lack of proper garaging and storage facilities. Also because of being terribly cramped in a small area. It is necessary, at present for the Department to rent several spaces in nearby garages. The barn is in deplorable condition, having reached the point where it is unfit for use by any Department for any purpose. It is in very poor condition structurally and will either have to be repaired and strengthened at considerable cost or razed. It does not seem economical to spend any money on the property. I therefore recommend that a new garage be built either in part or whole on a new and much larger location and that the barn be razed.

During the past year the demand made upon the Highway Department equipment and personnel by W. P. A. projects has been considerably less than in previous years due to the co-operation of the Board of Selectmen and the local W. P. A. officials. It is still necessary, however, for the Department to give considerable service, both with equip-

ment and personnel, to W. P. A. projects. It is impossible, economically, to do away entirely with these services. Certain things must be done by the Department as the W. P. A. officials have not the equipment necessary to do certain types of work and it would not be economical to so equip them. I feel, however, that the extent of the services rendered to W. P. A. projects by the Department should be kept at a minimum so that the Department will be in a position to give as prompt and efficient service to the townspeople as conditions permit.

Due to a lack of funds in late years the maintenance work done on streets has been considerably less than in previous years. As a result the Town's streets have reached a condition where the majority of them are badly in need of repairs. It has become necessary to spend a large and constantly increasing amount of money for patching. This is hardly an economical situation. I therefore strongly urge that the appropriation for Highway Maintenance be greatly increased in 1937.

## ROLLING EQUIPMENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following chart will illustrate the rolling equipment of the different departments and the year bought.

Item	Year Bought
1 — 15 Ton Gasoline Driven Road Roller .....	1931
1 — 5 Ton Walters F. M. Four Wheel Driven Truck ....	1935
1 — 5 Ton Sterling—HC 100 Truck .....	1936
1 — 2½ Ton Diamond T Truck .....	1934
1 — 1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck .....	1936
1 — Ford Chassis Air Compressor Truck .....	1930
1 — Chevrolet Standard Coupe .....	1936
1 — Chevrolet 5W Coupe .....	1933
1 — Cletrac Model BG Tractor .....	1936
1 — Caterpillar Tractor .....	1934
1 — Fordson Tractor .....	1927
1 — Master 7 Cement Mixer .....	1931
1 — K. P. Mixer .....	1922
1 — Trailer .....	1923
1 — 1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck .....	1934
1 — 1½ Ton Dodge Truck .....	1936
1 — 5 Ton Autocar Truck .....	1930



## PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appro'n—March Town Meeting \$ 3,152.00

Transferred 10/1/36 ..... 200.00

Transferred 11/30/36 ..... 250.00

1936 Total Appro. & Transfers

\$ 3,602.00

Expended:

Memorial Park

Pay Roll, Care of Park ..... \$ 427.99

Fence ..... 358.45

Supplies, Ins., Repairs, Misc. . 342.36

\$ 1,128.80

Washington St. Park

Pay Roll, Care of Park .... \$ 348.77

Grass Seed and Fertilizer ..... 340.00

Lights, Tools, Express, Misc. 86.23

Supplies ..... 86.23

\$ 775.00

Birch Meadow Playground

Pay Roll ..... \$ 220.70

Lights ..... 188.75

Repairs to Lights ..... 54.41

New Equipment ..... 650.00

Tractor Hire ..... 36.00

Lawn Seed and Fertilizer ..... 94.00

Tools and Misc. Supplies .... 117.02

\$ 1,360.88

Common ..... \$ 2.70

\$ 2.70

Unclassified

Curtis St.—Pay Roll ..... \$ 123.34

Charles St.—Pay Roll ..... 37.76

Hockey Rink Material ..... 157.08

\$ 318.18

Total Expended .....

\$ 3,585.56

Balance Unexpended

\$ 16.44

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

The development of Parks and Playgrounds continued through 1936, and was for the most part the result of W. P. A. projects.

Washington Street Ball Park was completed. The Birch Meadow Playground project was continued during 1936 and, although stopped by the advent of cold weather, will be resumed in the spring of 1937.

The playgrounds have been used extensively throughout the year. Tennis courts have proved so popular that tennis enthusiasts from surrounding towns have requested the use of them. These requests were of course refused, as the demand by Reading citizens for playing time exceeds the hours available. It is not an uncommon occurrence during the summer months for tennis players to arrive at the courts shortly after daylight, to get the use of a court.

A brief description of the activities in each Park, Playground and the Commons follows:

### **MEMORIAL PARK**

The general care and upkeep of the Park was carried on mostly by Soldiers Relief employees. These men, who because of physical disabilities must be assigned light work, kept the grassed areas mowed, edged and weeded foot paths, trimmed and pruned shrubs and trees, and made minor repairs to the playground equipment.

Tennis and horse-shoe courts were kept in repair, and were used constantly in season. The W. P. A. Recreation Project was housed in the Park Barn until late in November, when warmer quarters were secured on Haven Street. Indoor horse-shoe courts have been in operation in the Barn during winter months, under the auspices of the Reading Horse-shoe Association.

During the late fall, repairs were made to the causeway abutting the dam at the Park skating area, which was filled to overflowing by excessive rain-fall. Lack of freezing weather during the latter part of 1936 prevented the forming of skating ice; but during the early months of 1936 good skating was enjoyed.

A chain link fence was erected along the Southerly and Westerly boundary of the Park property, to prevent trespass by children on adjoining private property.

### **BIRCH MEADOW PLAYGROUND**

Birch Meadow Playground was further developed by a W. P. A. Project in 1936. A complete system of French drains were installed in the improved area, open drain ditches were deepened, straightened, and in some instances relocated. Gravel paths were constructed in accordance with the approved development plans, and areas between paths and tennis courts loamed, graded, and seeded.

Foundations for two new tennis courts were excavated and filled, and the courts will be completed in 1937.

A children's play area was laid out, graded, loamed and seeded.

The wading pool was re-conditioned, and a large sprinkler installed to keep fresh water running into the pool constantly. The pool was used extensively during the summer months. The construction of a modern cement wading pool at Birch Meadow is recommended to the townspeople, as it is impossible to maintain adequate sanitary conditions in a pool such as is at present being used.

The hockey rink was erected early in the winter of 1936-1937, but due to mild weather has not been used as yet this season.

W. P. A. Playground instructors conducted supervised play, under the direction of Coach Edward A. Batchelder, who was employed as Athletic Director during the months of July and August. Classes and instruction in tennis technique were conducted by Coach Batchelder at all playgrounds at regularly scheduled hours. Classes in several other athletic activities were also held regularly. All classes were very well attended.

### **WASHINGTON STREET BALL PARK**

The reconstruction of Washington Street Ball Park was completed early in 1936. The grass seed, which was sowed in the late fall of 1935, grew fairly evenly and produced a firm tough turf, resulting in a fast baseball field.

The baseball diamond was re-located, with the home plate near the South-Westerly corner of the field. It was found that by so doing areas could be set aside for a small children's play area; tennis and horse-shoe courts.

During the summer months the ball field was in constant use by school, town, and neighborhood baseball teams. In the fall, football and soccer fields were marked out and used extensively.

Flood lights were installed for night football games, and a series of games were played by the Reading Town Team with opponents from surrounding towns.

On the morning of July 4th a field day was held at the ball park for the children, under the direction of Coach Batchelder. Races and contests were held, and the winners were presented awards of merchandise, donated by the Board of Public Works and local merchants.

An ornamental fieldstone wall, cement capped and with a curved and stone pillared gate-way has been erected on the Washington Street frontage of the Park. On the Southerly and Westerly boundaries low retaining walls and a chain link fence have been erected. The Park is now completely enclosed with walls and fences.

### **SPECIAL PLAY AREAS**

The special play areas on Salem Street and Willow Street, donated as summer playgrounds by private citizens, were again used as baseball fields by W. P. A. playground supervisors.

At Dickie's Pond off Curtis Street, a hockey rink has been installed to accommodate residents of that district. The pond area has been leveled off and the drain repaired, and flood lights installed for night hockey games and skating.

### **LEACH PARK**

General maintenance of Leach Park was carried on as usual. Grassed areas were mowed, walks and paths weeded and edged; shrubs and trees trimmed and pruned, and the entire area kept in attractive appearance.

### **READING COMMON**

The Common received its usual care; lawns were repaired, mowed and rolled; walks graveled and edged, shrub beds edged and trimmed. This work was done by Soldiers Relief employees.

### **W. P. A. RECREATION PROJECT**

Supervised Play was again in charge of W. P. A. employees, with Miss Evelie Irving as supervisor, assisted by an experienced corps of instructors.

Coach Edward A. Batchelder of the Reading High School was employed as Athletic Director by the Park Department, and gave instructions in tennis, baseball, boxing, wrestling, etc. He also organized baseball leagues among the boys and a number of games were played.

Appended herewith is the report of the W. P. A. Supervisor.

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### **W. P. A. PLAYGROUND REPORT**

**Season June 22, 1936, to September 4, 1936**

**Adult Recreation Program—Sept. to Dec., 1936**

Playground system consisted of 3 playgrounds and 2 baseball fields.  
Average daily attendance:

Memorial Park .....	250
Washington Street .....	65
Birch Meadow .....	175
Washington Street ballfield.....	150
Birch Meadow ballfield.....	45

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#### **Program**

These activities made up the program.

#### **Active Sports**

Baseball, tennis, golf, archery, volley ball, tag football, boxing, deck tennis, ping pong and soft ball.

#### **Quiet and Individual Games**

Toss games, dominoes, card games, bean bag, croquet and miscellaneous tables games.

## **Handcraft**

Woodcraft, paper work, coloring, fancy sewing and embroidering, were the crafts offered.

## **Story Hour**

Warm afternoons the youngsters were taken to a cool, shady spot where stories suitable for children were read.

## **Canning**

The Home Economics room at Junior High School was open to the Recreation Canning Group.

A gala celebration marked the opening of the Reading Playgrounds. A parade with awards for the best costumes was organized at Memorial Park.

The parade with a police escort marched through the Square to the Washington Street Playground. The St. Agnes' Boys' Band was in the lead. The Sons of Legion, the Girl Scouts, the Girl Scout Drum and Bugle Corps and the children in costumes made a gay and colorful sight as they paraded.

The workers formed around the flag pole, then the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the flag was raised.

Many W. P. A. officials and town officials were present at the opening. The entertainment, furnished by a Federal Theatrical Unit, consisted of 15 vaudeville acts. Free ice cream at the end of the program completed the day for the 2000 children that attended.

After the ceremonies at the field, a supper was served to the visiting and town officials at the Victory House. The after dinner program was very brief.

The outstanding summer events are as follows:

- Baseball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Archery
- Handcraft
- Canning

## **Baseball—Community League**

During June, July, August and September, six teams played 3 games per week. There were 76 games played with 125 players participating. These teams were composed of Reading adults 17 years of age and over. This league not only offered Reading people a change to play baseball but also gave the baseball fans an opportunity to see their fellow townsmen in action. An all-star team was selected from the league to play out-of-town teams. There were 7 all-star games played—4 out of town and 3 on the home diamond.

## **Junior Park League**

This league was for the boys of Reading between the ages of 9 and 16. There were 64 games played in this league with 150 boys partici-



pating. These teams played 4 times per week for a period from July to September. In July and again in August 150 boys were taken to Braves' Field and to Fenway Park to see the big league players. The Selectmen of Reading furnished the transportation for the trips and the playground instructors had charge of the boys.

The season was closed by a Baseball Field Day, held at Washington Street Park. The events were: Base running, fungo hitting, throwing for accuracy and for distance. The boys divided into 3 different groups according to their ages.

Inter-town matches with Winchester Playgrounds were played. There were 6 games played, Reading lost 2, won 3 and tied one.

### **Tennis**

Classes in tennis instruction were held 3 times a week. Fundamental form strokes were taught to the beginners while the advanced players were given opportunities to improve their game.

Inter-town matches were again played with Winchester. There were six matches played in this sport—Winchester took 3 of the six matches and Reading boys were able to tie the last three matches.

### **Golf**

Golf has become a very popular sport on the playground at Memorial Park. A 9-hole golf course was installed by one of the recreation staff who also formed classes in golf instruction. There were two tournaments played in golf during the season.

### **Archery**

This sport is as popular with the girls as with the boys. It does not involve large muscles but rather calls for a definite skill which can be obtained by careful practice. High School boys and girls formed groups for practice. There were several shoots held to determine form and highest score. One of the recreation instructors constructed 3 new targets of rice straw which saved the town about \$30.00.

### **Handcraft**

This includes jig-saw, painting, coloring, plain and fancy sewing and embroidering. There was also a large enrollment in the paper work class. Samples of sewing, jig-saw, embroidering, painting, paper work, and canning were sent to Boston to be displayed with other articles which had been made on W. P. A. Recreation projects throughout the state.

### **Canning**

Preserving fruits and vegetables and making jellies.

Seven hours each week were set aside to can fruits and vegetables. This was done in co-operation with the 4-H Club. There were 16 enrolled in this work which was done at the Junior High School in the Home Economics room. There were 369 jars of fruits, vegetables, jellies and jams preserved at the school. Six boys and girls of the group canned 135 jars at their homes. This made a total of 504 jars. The vege-

tables included rhubarb, carrots, beans, peas, tomatoes, string and shell beans; the fruits were: plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, currants, peaches, grapes, crabapples, apples, and 8 jars of mustard pickle.

Samples of the canners' work were included in the exhibition which was displayed at the Park Square Building, Boston. The exhibition held at Memorial Park on the closing day also included a canning display. Prizes were awarded to the first and second year canners for the 1st, 2d, and 3rd places.

### **Special Event Days**

Each Wednesday afternoon was set aside as a Special Event Day. The activities conducted on these days were: Pet Show, Checker Tournament, Ping Pong Tourney, Track Meet, Doll Show, Tennis Matches and awarding of Junior Patrol Badges.

### **Patrol Leaders**

Boys and girls who showed definite signs of leadership were given a chance to develop their ability as a Junior Patrol member. Patrol leaders were chosen to serve for two-week periods. Their duties were: to care for equipment, to watch over the little tots, to assist staff workers when necessary, to raise and lower the flag at the beginning and ending of the day, to assist the younger children across Salem Street.

In August the annual Playground Tournaments were started. The tournaments included tennis, golf, ping pong, archery, for both juniors and seniors, checkers, toss games, and contests in handcrafts and jig-saw. There were 17 loving cups awarded to the winners on Sept. 4, 1936, the closing day of the season.

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## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

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To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maint. Account

Appropriation ..... \$ 11,200.00

Construction Expenditures:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 146.94
Supplies for Const. ....	163.45
Tools and Misc. ....	9.30

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\$ 319.69

Maintenance Expenditures:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,230.80
Interest on Bonds .....	3,750.00
Insurance .....	232.27
Truck Maintenance .....	349.23

Printing .....	15.00		
Gasoline and Oil .....	193.08		
Tools, Supplies and Misc. ..	336.43		
		\$ 8,106.81	
Total Expended—Const. and Maint.			\$ 8,426.50
Balance Unexpended			\$ 2,773.50
House Conn. Acct. Appro. ....			\$ 1,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 314.17		
Pipe and Fittings .....	119.18		
		\$ 433.35	
Total Expended—House Conn. Acct.			\$ 433.35
Balance Unexpended			\$ 566.65

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The main trunk sewer on John Street was extended to the Reading Custom Laundry, upon application from the proprietors of the laundry to connect their premises with the common sewer. Formerly the waste water from the laundry ran into an open ditch and eventually found its way to Lake Quannapowitt, and, because of the alleged foreign matter contained therein, was the cause of several complaints from abutting property owners. As the laundry has its own water system, a special meter has been installed. A total length of 86.0 feet of 8-inch sewer main, three Y connections for future house services, and a man-hole were included in this extension. Because of the increased income from such a large user the Dept. is considering a general reduction in the sewer rental rates.

On Woburn Street, several man-holes were re-set to conform with the new Chapter 90 road construction, and after construction was completed, the sewer main was cleaned and flushed. In an effort to anticipate future house sewer connections in the portion of Woburn Street which was reconstructed, questionnaires were sent to owners of all abutting properties not connected with the sewer asking their co-operation in the matter, and as a result several house connections were made. Stubs were also laid to the curb lines at vacant lots, for future use.

Eighteen house sewer services became clogged during the year, and were promptly cleared. Roots were responsible for the majority of the stoppages, and insoluble foreign matter for the remainder. Three house connections were re-laid for a portion of their length. Flushing of main trunk sewers was carried on periodically during the year.

Ten new house sewer connections were made, totaling 494.81 feet.

Although sewer entrance charges were substantially reduced two years ago, home owners have been slow in taking advantage of the saving .

The sewer department presents a peculiar problem. Where sewers are available only 63% of the abutters have connected with the sewer. The other 37% still use cesspools for sewage purposes. This is a particularly unhealthy and unhygienic situation. It is also an uneconomic condition. The authority on sewers is divided. The sanitary conditions affecting the health of the community are under supervision of the Board of Health, while the operation of the sewerage system is under the Board of Public Works. The primary purpose of a sewerage system is to preserve the health of the community through the proper disposal of sewage in thickly populated districts where defective cesspools or unsanitary conditions impose unhealthy conditions not only on the property where it exists but also on the neighboring property. The success of the sewage system from this point of view largely depends upon the Board of Health. The extension of the sewer system by the construction of sewers depends upon the full use of the existing sewers by the abutting home owners. If these conditions are not remedied by the construction of a sewer, then the sewer system fails of its purpose.

The operation and availability of the sewer system is controlled by the Board of Public Work and must be operated efficiently and made available to property where needed. If this is not done then the sewer system is again a failure.

The conditions referred to above have a relationship which make them dependent one to the other and measures should be taken to accomplish a more ideal condition than now exists in the Town.

If the large number of homes to which the sewer is available was added to the present number of connections, sewer rentals could be substantially reduced. This would also correct many unsanitary conditions that now exist in the thickly settled sections of the Town served by the system.

It is therefore recommended that a procedure be inaugurated, so that, where a sewer is available abutting property owners be required to connect with same in such a manner that it would not work any hardship on them.

The Sewer Department is still in need of modern sewer cleaning equipment. The present equipment consists of inadequate rods, brushes and drags. To properly clean and flush the sanitary sewers I respectfully recommend and urge the purchase of an efficient, modern sewer cleaning unit. The sewerage system was installed in 1921, and should be thoroughly scraped and dragged.

# STREETS

Streets	Possible Con- nections	Completed Con- nections	Per Cent Con- nected	No Con- struction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Revenue Charges 1936
Arlington	12	3	25	5	3	1	22.17
Ash .....	17	9	53	7	..	1	94.42
Bancroft ..	22	12	55	10	..	..	138.18
Berkeley ..	27	16	59	11	..	..	202.82
Brook ....	2	1	50	1	..	..	7.70
Center ....	10	7	70	..	3	..	69.19
Chute ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.37
Copeland ..	7	7	100	..	..	..	144.91
Dudley ...	10	4	40	6	..	..	49.23
Eaton ....	2	2	100	..	..	..	12.03
Elliott ...	8	4	50	4	..	..	49.69
Fremont ..	4	4	100	..	..	..	63.93
Fulton ...	1	1	100	..	..	..	15.40
Gardner ..	7	4	57	3	..	..	36.18
Gould ....	3	3	100	..	..	..	21.01
Green ....	53	36	68	10	2	5	461.33
Harnden ..	9	8	89	..	1	..	121.72
Haven ...	45	30	67	7	6	2	550.23
High .....	14	5	36	7	2	..	53.33
Hillcrest ..	10	8	80	1	1	..	90.10
Howard ..	18	16	89	1	1	..	208.95
Ide .....	2	1	50	1	..	..	17.50
John .....	18	10	56	8	..	..	104.95
King .....	6	6	100	..	..	..	90.69
Kingston ..	15	13	87	2	..	..	113.21
Lincoln ..	7	4	57	..	3	..	89.92
Linden ...	11	7	69	3	..	1	137.39
Lowell ....	4	3	75	1	..	..	45.44
Main .....	50	39	78	..	9	2	1,215.82
Maple .....	2	1	50	..	1	..	9.10
Middle .....	2	1	50	1	..	..	14.46
Middlesex ..	24	14	58	6	2	2	237.43
Minot .....	12	8	67	..	2	2	83.30
Mt. Vernon	23	10	43	13	..	..	112.40
Park Ave.	7	6	86	..	..	1	47.21
Parker ....	7	6	86	1	..	..	71.62
Perkins ...	7	7	100	..	..	..	127.94
Pine .....	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant ..	28	15	54	13	..	..	169.14
Pratt .....	4	3	75	1	..	..	30.53
Prescott ..	52	44	85	1	5	2	514.98
Prospect ..	17	8	47	8	1	..	142.97
Salem .....	21	12	57	1	8	..	209.16
Sanborn ..	15	9	60	4	..	2	282.04
School ....	10	6	60	4	..	..	57.11
Scotland ..	1	1	100	..	..	..	8.40
Smith .....	12	12	100	..	..	..	131.63
Summer ...	18	8	44	9	..	..	95.96
Sweetser ..	5	1	20	..	3	1	7.93
Temple ....	32	9	28	..	17	6	246.51
Union .....	5	3	60	1	..	1	40.74
Village ...	22	13	59	8	..	1	191.40
Warren ...	17	14	82	..	2	1	163.96
Wash'ton ..	29	15	52	11	3	..	171.00
Wenda ....	4	4	100	..	..	..	43.88
Wilson ....	11	9	82	2	..	..	67.44
Woburn ...	83	46	55	7	26	4	613.66
Totals	865	549	63	179	101	35	8,151.71



# LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS

Streets	6 inch	8 inch	10 inch	12 inch	15 inch	18 inch	20 inch	24 inch	Totals
Arlington ...	..	399.80	..	..	..	..	..	..	399.80
Ash .....	..	822.90	..	..	258.80	..	..	..	1,081.70
Bancroft ....	..	1,015.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,015.00
Berkeley ....	..	1,256.10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,256.10
Brook .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	847.60	847.60
Center .....	..	620.20	..	..	..	..	..	..	620.20
Copeland ....	..	500.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	500.00
Dudley .....	..	374.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	374.50
Eaton .....	..	..	..	..	907.70	..	..	..	907.70
Elliott .....	..	396.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	396.00
Fremont .....	..	456.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	456.50
Gardner Rd. ..	..	475.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	475.00
Green .....	175.20	1,717.40	..	..	821.60	..	..	..	2,714.20
Harnden ....	..	559.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	559.30
Haven .....	..	1,752.80	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,752.80
High .....	..	..	1,338.05	736.10	..	..	..	..	2,074.15
Hillcrest ....	..	770.80	..	..	..	..	..	..	770.80
Howard .....	300.00	1,110.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,410.00
Interceptors ..	..	205.00	..	..	..	..	..	2,732.00	2,937.00
John .....	..	352.00	..	..	569.60	..	..	178.50	1,100.10
King .....	340.00	175.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	515.00
Kingston ....	..	719.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	719.30
Lincoln .....	..	..	573.40	538.10	..	..	..	..	1,111.50
Linden .....	125.00	735.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	860.30
Lowell .....	..	813.10	..	..	..	..	..	..	813.10
Main .....	..	1,246.10	..	955.50	..	..	234.90	..	2,436.50
Maple .....	..	189.20	..	..	..	..	..	..	189.20
Middle .....	..	313.60	..	..	..	..	..	..	313.60
Middlesex ..	..	1,423.40	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,423.40
Minot .....	..	1,409.65	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,409.65
Mt. Vernon ..	..	828.52	160.00	..	..	..	..	..	988.52
Park .....	..	507.30	322.70	..	..	..	..	..	830.00
Parker .....	..	427.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	427.00
Perkins .....	..	400.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	400.00
Pine .....	..	226.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	226.00
Pleasant. ..	..	1,496.80	..	469.80	..	..	..	..	1,966.60
Pratt .....	..	555.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	555.50
Prescott ....	..	2,265.30	..	1,174.10	..	..	..	..	3,439.40
Prospect ....	..	1,260.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,260.00
Salem .....	..	1,004.90	..	132.50	..	..	..	..	1,137.40
Sanborn ....	..	716.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	716.30
School .....	..	688.25	..	..	..	..	..	..	688.25
Smith .....	..	..	475.00	..	..	..	..	..	475.00
Summer ....	..	1,229.40	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,229.40
Sweetser ....	..	334.30	..	..	..	..	..	..	334.30
Temple ....	896.76	..	432.89	661.39	..	..	..	..	1,991.04
Union .....	..	303.60	..	..	..	..	..	..	303.60
Village. ....	..	1,015.60	..	..	..	487.80	..	..	1,503.40
Warren .....	..	715.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	715.00
Wash'ton ....	..	424.90	..	246.80	312.90	..	1,574.30	..	2,558.90
Wenda .....	300.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300.00
Wilson .....	..	..	471.40	333.10	..	..	..	..	804.50
Woburn ....	732.80	2,915.70	..	917.40	..	..	..	..	4,565.90
Totals	2,869.76	37,122.72	3,773.44	6,164.79	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	58,856.41

# LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Street	5 inch	6 inch	8 inch	10 inch	Total Length	Total Sewers & Under-drains Length
Arlington .....	..	..	..	..	..	399.80
Ash .....	237.00	..	..	258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft .....	..	..	..	..	..	1,015.00
Berkeley .....	..	456.00	..	..	456.00	1,712.10
Brook .....	..	847.60	..	..	847.60	1,695.20
Center .....	620.60	..	..	..	620.60	1,241.20
Copeland .....	..	..	..	..	..	500.00
Dudley .....	..	..	..	..	..	374.50
Eaton .....	..	380.00	527.70	..	907.70	1,815.40
Elliott .....	..	..	..	..	..	396.00
Fremont .....	..	456.50	..	..	456.50	913.00
Green .....	836.90	974.10	..	..	1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden .....	..	..	..	..	..	559.30
Haven .....	..	588.20	..	..	588.20	2,341.00
High .....	..	487.70	736.10	..	1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest .....	..	450.40	..	..	450.40	1,221.20
Howard .....	..	1,410.00	..	..	1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors .....	..	2,937.00	..	..	2,937.00	5,874.00
John .....	..	748.10	..	..	748.10	1,762.20
King .....	..	175.00	..	..	175.00	690.00
Kingston .....	609.30	110.00	..	..	719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln .....	..	..	1,111.50	..	1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden .....	290.40	440.90	..	..	735.30	1,470.60
Lowell .....	..	..	..	..	..	813.10
Main .....	..	1,246.10	995.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple .....	189.20	..	..	..	189.20	378.40
Middle .....	..	..	..	..	..	313.60
Middlesex .....	254.00	..	..	..	254.00	1,365.50
Minot .....	972.65	437.00	..	..	1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon .....	..	230.30	..	..	230.30	1,088.82
Park .....	507.30	..	322.70	..	830.00	1,660.00
Parker .....	..	..	..	..	..	427.00
Perkins .....	..	..	..	..	..	400.00
Pine .....	226.00	..	..	..	226.00	452.00
Pleasant .....	..	..	469.80	..	469.80	2,436.40
Pratt .....	252.20	303.30	..	..	555.50	1,111.00
Prescott .....	1,070.60	2,091.80	..	..	3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect .....	..	886.00	..	..	886.00	2,146.00
Salem .....	543.00	..	132.50	..	765.50	1,812.90
Sanborn .....	200.00	..	..	..	200.00	916.30
School .....	..	..	..	..	..	688.25
Summer .....	..	..	..	..	..	1,229.40
Sweetser .....	175.00	..	..	..	175.00	509.30
Temple .....	..	40.00	..	..	40.00	2,031.04
Union .....	..	..	..	..	..	303.60
Village .....	..	825.00	..	..	825.00	2,328.40
Warren .....	715.00	..	..	..	715.00	1,430.00
Washington .....	..	724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda .....	..	..	..	..	..	300.00
Wilson .....	..	..	804.50	..	804.50	1,609.00
Woburn .....	1,196.00	..	917.40	..	2,113.40	6,679.30
Total Lengths	9,781.15	16,363.00	6,224.50	1,656.90	34,025.55	91,279.06

# Length of Sewer Connections Run to Either Curb, Houses, or Connected

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Tot. Lgth.
Arlington .....	66.50	46.00	175.00	287.50
Ash .....			401.10	401.10
Berkeley .....			925.70	925.70
Bancroft .....			561.90	561.90
Brook .....			45.60	45.60
Center Ave. ....	52.00		317.00	369.00
Copeland .....			450.00	450.00
Dudley .....			185.00	185.00
Eaton .....			106.00	106.00
Elliott .....			217.00	217.00
Fremont .....			209.00	209.00
Fulton .....			44.00	44.00
Gardner Road .....			180.50	180.50
Gould .....			236.50	236.50
Green .....	54.00	173.00	1,521.31	1,748.31
Harnden .....	32.00		257.80	289.80
Haven .....	186.00	79.00	1,304.80	1,569.80
High .....	22.00		209.10	231.10
Hillcrest .....	25.00		516.00	541.00
Howard .....	25.00		967.00	992.00
John .....		37.00	340.00	377.00
King .....			369.10	369.10
Kingston .....			536.00	536.00
Lincoln .....	70.00		186.00	256.00
Linden .....		41.00	339.70	380.70
Lowell .....			232.50	232.50
Main .....	379.00	99.00	1,959.75	2,437.75
Maple .....	18.00		40.00	58.00
Middle .....			36.50	36.50
Middlesex .....	48.00	138.00	983.20	1,169.20
Minot .....	42.00	77.00	331.00	450.00
Mt. Vernon .....			455.50	455.50
Park Ave. ....		37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker .....			267.50	267.50
Perkins .....			434.80	434.80
Pine Ave. ....			46.00	46.00
Pleasant .....			821.50	821.50
Pratt .....			242.00	242.00
Prescott .....	116.00	228.00	2,866.70	3,210.70
Prospect .....			733.00	733.00
Salem .....	219.29		756.11	975.40
Sanborn .....		98.00	611.40	709.40

### Length of Sewer Connections Run to Either Curb, Houses, or Connected

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Tot. Lgth.
School .....			315.40	315.40
Scotland .....			60.00	60.00
Summer .....		94.00	576.20	670.20
Smith Ave. ....			476.50	476.50
Sweetser .....	64.00	45.00	43.00	152.00
Ide .....			56.50	56.50
Temple .....	285.00	173.00	624.50	1,082.50
Union .....		66.00	177.00	243.00
Village .....		34.00	583.50	617.50
Warren Ave. ....	36.00	68.00	565.00	669.00
Washington .....	61.00	48.00	775.40	884.40
Wenda .....			202.50	202.50
Wilson .....		43.00	380.90	423.90
Woburn .....	442.00	222.50	2,777.90	3,442.40
Totals	2,242.79	1,846.50	29,240.87	33,330.16

### W. P. A. EXPENDITURES 1936

	Materials & Supplies	Supervision & Labor	Rent. value of equip.	Total Rule
Ash St. Water Main ..	\$ 5,234.55	\$ 30.24	\$ 1.80	\$ 5,266.59
Birch Meadow Playground .....	98.44	159.94	121.47	379.85
Cement Blocks .....	69.62		17.50	87.12
Colburn Road .....	116.79	352.12	385.63	854.54
Franklin Street .....	209.00	205.02	359.75	773.77
Water (Dead Ends) ..	275.74	177.15	159.05	611.94
Storm Drains .....	83.92	948.87	882.12	1,914.91
Street Survey .....	31.35	271.80	162.00	435.15
Wash. St. Playground	513.45	185.55	67.78	766.78
	\$ 6,632.86	\$ 2,330.69	\$ 2,157.10	\$ 11,120.65
Farm to Mkt. Roads ..	\$ 101.27	\$ 355.75	\$ 320.12	\$ 757.14
Blacksmith .....	\$ 29.72			\$ 29.72

### FEDERAL WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

List and description of all W. P. A. Projects supervised by Board of Public Works, January 1 to December 31, 1936.

#### 1. Elimination of Dead End Water Mains

Connected dead end main on Vale Road to main on Woodward

Ave., with 6" pipe. Also laid 6" main in Birch Meadow Playground to Wading Pool, and excavated trench for 6" main on Summer Avenue.

## **2. Franklin and Grove Sts. Relocation**

Removed ledge from south-east corner of Franklin and Grove Streets by drilling and blasting—built stone retaining wall around corner—ballasted roadway in former location of ledge with broken stone—built gravel sidewalk at base of retaining wall.

## **3. Cement Blocks**

Project worked from December, 1935, to January 20, 1936. Total of 2777 cement blocks made, for use of Department of Public Works.

## **4. Washington Street Playground**

Constructed field stone wall on Washington Street frontage of playground and erected chain link fence and low retaining wall on southerly and westerly bounds.

## **5. Storm Water Drains**

Installed storm drains on Willow Street, from 150 feet westerly of Lowell St. to Lowell St.; on Lowell Street, from Willow Street southerly to culvert; on King Street, from Summer Avenue to Morgan Court; on Summer Avenue, from Willow Street to Woodbine Street.

## **6. Street Survey**

Surveys of street lines of 20 public ways totaling 29,015.02 feet have been completed; three public ways have had profiles and elevations taken, and 16 streets have had both street lines and profiles completed.

## **7. Farm-to-Market Road Projects:**

Pearl Street—Charles St. to Franklin St.

South Street—Main St. to Wakefield Line

Hopkins Street—Main St. to Wakefield Line

Wakefield Street—Pearl St. to Haverhill St.

Willow Street—Summer Ave. to B. & M. R. R. Crossing

On each of these streets, the traveled roadway was widened, banks cut, shoulders excavated and filled with gravel, ledges, boulders and outcrops drilled, blasted and removed, stone walls rebuilt, and on South, Hopkins and Wakefield Streets the surfaces were scarified, graded and treated with tar. A new cut-off was constructed on Pearl Street opposite Bunker Avenue, to eliminate a reverse curve, and two culverts were relaid.

## **8. Colburn Road Construction**

Continued construction of Colburn Road. Removed ledge and boulders, sloped banks and fine graded shoulders, graded sections of roadway with gravel, and constructed gravel sidewalks on either side of road its entire length.



9. Birch Meadow Playground

Construction in improved area continued. System of French drains were installed; a children's play area laid out, graded, loamed and seeded; gravel paths laid out and constructed; foundations for two new tennis courts excavated and filled.

10. Ash Street 12" Water Main

Construction started late in December, 1936, of 12" water main from B. & M. R. R. crossing to present 12" main on Brook Street.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation .....	\$ 5,500.00
Expended:	
Salaries .....	\$ 4,506.42
Supplies and Misc. ....	988.20
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Total Expended .....	\$ 5,494.69
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 5.31

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the pay roll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental account not specifically mentioned below, such as, Chap. 90, Betterments, Drainage, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Total
Pay Roll	\$4,506.49	\$15,624.89	\$38,314.60	\$3,691.91	\$1,158.56	\$63,296.45
Bills	988.20	92,579.48	50,116.06	5,167.94	2,427.00	151,278.68
Totals	\$5,494.69	\$108,204.37	\$88,430.66	\$8,859.85	\$3,585.56	\$214,575.13

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation, and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH, Superintendent.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING, MASSACHUSETTS

For the year Ended December 31,

1936

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

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### **School Committee**

Arthur W. Coolidge, Ch., 210 Summer Avenue	Term expires 1937
Mrs. Esther D. Twombly, 14 Berkeley Street	Term expires 1937
Frank D. Tanner, 124 Oak Street	Term expires 1938
Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott Street	Term expires 1938
Dr. Charles R. Wakeling, 25 Linden Street	Term expires 1939
Miss Margaret Canty, 67 Mineral Street	Term expires 1939

Note: The above is the Committee as of December 31, 1936. On January 6, 1937, Mr. Arthur W. Coolidge resigned as Chairman and member. Mr. Frank D. Tanner was elected Chairman. Mr. Howard Clinch has been elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Coolidge.

### **School Committee Office**

Grouard House, 25 School Street	Telephone Reading 0180
Open daily, 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.	Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to 12 m.
Vacations, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.	

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Arthur E. Pierce, 76 Vine Street	Tel. Res. 0243; office 0180
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### **Secretary to Superintendent**

Ruth C. Roberts, 228 Woburn Street	Tel. Res. 1083-M; office 0180
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### **School Committee Clerk**

Hope R. Williamson, 90 Vine Street	Tel. Res. 1338; office 0180
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### **Supervisor of Attendance**

Josephine L. Fowler, 65 Temple Street	Tel. Res. 0488-J; office 0180
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### **School Physician**

Dr. Charles R. Henderson, 220 Woburn Street	Telephone 0580
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### **School Nurse**

Mabel M. Brown, 94 Maple Street, Malden	Tel. Res. 0048-M; office 1475
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### No School Signals

Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times.

Street lights turned on for five minutes.

7:30 a. m. for Senior High School, Jr. High School, Highland School, and Opportunity School.

8:15 a. m. for Grades 1—4 inclusive, morning session.

12:45 p. m. for Grades 1—4 inclusive, afternoon session.

EVEN WHEN THERE HAS BEEN NO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING FOR THE FIRST FOUR GRADES, THERE WILL BE SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON UNLESS THE NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL IS GIVEN.

To keep the schools open every day, if possible, is the policy of the management. This affords parents the choice either of sending pupils to school or of keeping them at home as the parent considers the conditions warrant in his particular case.

### School Clinics

Dental, Wednesday and Friday at the Grouard House, 9-12 and 1-4.

Habit, every Tuesday at 2:30 in Nurse's office at High School.

Pre-School, at the Town Building, Room 19, every Tuesday, 2-4 p. m.

Tuberculosis Prevention, by special appointment.

Diphtheria Prevention, by special appointment.

### School Janitors

#### High School:

John Maguire, 21 Fairview Ave. ....	Telephone: 0581-W
Charles Cummings, 22 Haven St. ....	_____
Mary L. Kennedy, 89 Washington St. ....	_____

#### Junior High School:

Henry W. Bryden, 64 Village St. ....	1567-W
Walter Smith, 36 Temple St. ....	1445-M
Fred Riessle, 10 King St. ....	1199-M
Agnes Hurley, 14 Hartshorn St. ....	_____

#### Highland School:

James L. Healey, 201 West St. ....	0047-M
Arthur H. Cook, 194 High St. ....	_____
Emma Tibbets, 25 School St. ....	0460-M

Center and Union Street Schools: Edward McBrien, 28 Salem St. 0228  
Prospect St. School: J. Fred Richardson, 21 Prospect St. .... 0161-J  
Lowell St. School: Sylvanus L. Thompson, 14 Intervale Ter. .... 0827  
Chestnut Hill School: Leander Smith, 193 High St. .... 1325



## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

January, 1937 to June, 1938, inclusive

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Schools open	January 4, 1937
Winter Vacation week of	February 22, 1937
Spring Vacation week of	April 19, 1937
No Sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 31, 1937
Bunker Hill Day	June 17, 1937
Schools close for summer	June 25, 1937

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Schools open	September 8, 1937
No Sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1937
Teachers' Convention	October 29, 1937
Armistice Day	November 11, 1937

Thanksgiving Recess from noon November 24, 1937 to November 29, 1937  
Christmas Vacation from close of regular session on Wednesday,  
December 22, 1937 to January 3, 1938.

Winter Vacation week of	February 21, 1938
Spring Vacation week of	April 18, 1938
No Sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1938
Bunker Hill Day	June 17, 1938
Schools close for summer	June 24, 1938

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The School Committee submits its annual report as follows:

The School Department has operated within its budget during the past year and at the end of the year turned back to the Town the following balances: Maintenance Account, \$541.51; Industrial Tuition \$37.59.

At the opening of school, so few pupils signified their desire to enroll in the Agricultural course that it was deemed best to discontinue this course, the cost being prohibitive for the small number enrolled. Provisions were made for absorbing these pupils into other courses.

In accordance with the vote of the Town Meeting, salary restorations were made, taking effect in September, with the expectation that complete salary restoration for the entire year will go into effect on January 1, 1937. The teachers and the administrative force have been co-operative, loyal and patient throughout the depression period. The Committee is glad that the Town recognizes this attitude and feels that the restoration is deserved.

Early in the year, a survey of all buildings in the Department was made under the auspices of the Fire Department. When it developed that the Department of Public Safety would not issue a certificate of safety covering the Senior High School building, an article was inserted in the annual warrant covering repairs and alterations to conform with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety. These repairs were completed during the summer vacation. Now each room in the building has two ways of egress, and all of the buildings in the system have the certificate of the Department of Public Safety.

The Committee has for a long time felt the need of a revision of salaries of teachers in the elementary grades, so that recognition of preparation and education may be more nearly on a par with the salary schedule in the Junior and Senior High schools. This is in line with its policy to strengthen and improve the elementary grades.

The terms of Arthur W. Coolidge and Esther D. Twombly expire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING C. AUSTIN  
MARGARET S. CANTY  
ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE, Chairman.  
FRANK D. TANNER  
ESTHER D. TWOMBLY  
CHARLES R. WAKELING

# RECEIPTS NOT FROM TAX LEVY—SHOWING NET COST TO TOWN

1936	General Account:	Estimate 1937
\$230,898.71	Total Expenditures .....	\$240,126.00
	Receipts:	
\$ 17,460.00	State Reimbursement on teachers .....	\$ 17,280.00
12,580.27	Tuition .....	12,717.00
91.20	Sundry .....	100.00
(11,279.10)*	Due but not paid 12/31/36 .....	11,279.10
30,131.47	Total Receipts .....	41,376.10
\$200,767.24	NET COST TO TOWN .....	\$198,749.90
	Agricultural Department:	
\$ 1,284.73	Total Expenditure .....	

Receipts:

\$ 935.79	State Aid to Vocational School .....	\$ 1,313.08
784.07	Tuition .....	
285.95	Smith-Hughes .....	
(350.10)*	Due but not paid 12/31/36 .....	350.10
2,005.81	Total receipts .....	1,663.18
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\$ 721.08	NET GAIN TO TOWN .....	\$ 1,663.18

**Industrial Tuition:**

\$ 962.41	Total expenditure .....	\$ 1,225.00
	Receipts:	
	State Reimbursement .....	372.04
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\$ 702.02	NET COST TO TOWN .....	\$ 852.96

\* Not included in total receipts.

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1937

Est. Appro. 1937	Detail	Expended 1936
<b>SALARIES</b>		
\$166,167.58	Supt. and Teachers .....	\$153,676.87
1,892.00	Substitutes .....	982.50
17,521.42	Janitors .....	16,969.09
500.00	Attendance Officer .....	454.18
2,500.00	Nurse .....	1,878.13
1,000.00	Medical Inspection .....	959.37
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\$189,581.00	TOTAL SALARIES	\$174,920.14
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
<b>General Control:</b>		
\$ 350.00	Supt's Office Supplies .....	\$ 300.84
260.00	Research and Professional Study .....	408.19
500.00	Travel Expense .....	388.29
150.00	Printing .....	126.80
125.00	Census .....	
406.00	Other Expenses .....	834.42
350.00	Grouard House—Operation .....	321.28
166.00	Grouard House—Maintenance .....	497.58
80.00	Grouard House—Capital Outlay .....	
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\$ 2,387.00	Total General Control	\$ 2,877.40
<b>Instruction:</b>		
\$ 750.00	Supervision Expense .....	\$ 558.32
381.00	Principals' Office Expense .....	383.85
3,770.00	Textbooks .....	2,607.80
5,300.00	Supplies .....	5,249.11
600.00	Supplementary Books .....	297.41
225.00	Commencement .....	223.90
825.00	Other Expenses .....	559.93
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\$ 11,851.00	Total Instruction	\$ 9,880.32
<b>Operation of Plant:</b>		
\$ 1,655.00	Janitors' Supplies .....	\$ 1,446.90
5,872.00	Fuel .....	6,920.62
1,245.00	Water and Sewer .....	1,069.45



<b>Est. Appro. 1937</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Expended 1936</b>
1,975.00	Electricity .....	1,840.87
448.00	Gas .....	422.56
510.00	Telephone .....	504.89
300.00	Other Expenses .....	210.92
150.00	Freight and Drayage .....	135.99
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\$ 12,155.00	Total Operation of Plant	\$ 12,552.20
<b>Maintenance of Plant:</b>		
\$ 1,814.00	Grounds .....	\$ 2,090.71
610.00	Buildings .....	3,099.63
490.00	Service Systems .....	1,067.56
158.00	Plumbing .....	556.02
313.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	394.54
85.00	Furniture .....	1,943.77
1,400.00	Other Expenses .....	997.91
4,530.00	W.P.A. Materials .....	3,112.74
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\$ 9,400.00	Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 13,262.88
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>		
\$ 360.00	Alterations and Additions .....	\$ 2,004.77
848.00	Furniture .....	565.89
582.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	1,800.79
225.00	Other Outlay .....	1,048.19
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\$ 2,015.00	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 5,419.64
<b>Auxiliary Agencies:</b>		
\$ 8,030.00	Transportation .....	\$ 7,993.25
238.00	Tuition to other Schools .....	110.47
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\$ 8,268.00	Total Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 8,103.72
<b>Co-ordinate Activities:</b>		
\$ 125.00	Compulsory Attendance .....	\$ 85.00
69.00	Medical Service .....	37.43
290.00	Nurse Service .....	263.07
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\$ 484.00	Total Co-ordinate Activities	\$ 385.50
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>		
\$ 3,985.00	Insurance .....	\$ 2,955.30
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\$ 50,545.00	TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 55,436.96
\$240,126.00	GRAND TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$230,357.10
	RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER	541.61

Est. Appro. 1937	Detail	Expended 1936
	AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNT:	
Discontinued	Salaries .....	\$ 1,205.70
	Expenses .....	79.13
	TOTAL AGRICULTURE	\$ 1,284.73
	RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER	.10
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\$ 1,225.00	INDUSTRIAL TUITION .....	\$ 962.41
	RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER	37.59
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	SPECIAL ITEMS:	
	High School Alterations .....	\$ 5,908.35
\$ 3,800.00	High School Grounds .....	
8,825.00	Purchase Millett Property .....	
1,500.00	Remodeling Millett Property .....	

#### CHANGE IN PERSONNEL—1936

##### Left:

Helen Donnelly	Center School	June
Halden Harding	Jr. High—Grades 3 and 4	June
Mildred Holden	High School—Latin	June
Margaret Leviston	Jr. High—Art	June
Helen T. McGill	Jr. High—English	June
Frances K. Shelley	Jr. High—Household Arts	June
John M. Woodbridge, Jr.	Jr. High—Soc. St., Bus. Pract.	June
Anne Gutman	Highland School	Oct.
Jeanne Sweetland	Center School	Dec.

##### Appointed:

L. Reginald A. Kibbe	Art Supervisor	Jan.
Esther P. Smith	Chestnut Hill	Jan.
Harriet S. Beattie	Jr. High—Art	Sept.
Jean M. Butters	Center School	Sept.
Helen E. Randolph	Center School	Sept.
Neil C. Robinson	Jr. High—Soc. St., Math.	Sept.
Chester G. Seamans	High School—Latin	Sept.
Ruth E. Wetmore	Jr. High—Household Arts	Sept.
*Helen R. Zimmermann	High School—Biol., Pract. Science	Sept.
Maud Adlington	Highland School	Oct.

\*Substituting for Mrs. Lillian H. Jenkins who is on leave of absence.

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High.	Arthur E. Pierce.	1934	Superintendent of Schools.	*Dartmouth, Mass. State, B.S.; Harvard, Ed.M.	2,493	2,291.33	2,119.92	91.99	2,336
	Ruth C. Roberts.	1935	Sec'y to Superintendent.	B. U., A.B.					
	Hope R. Williamson.	1931	School Committee Clerk.	B. U., Sec. Cert.					
	Helen M. Pratt.	1936	Clerk.	Reading High School.					
	Josephine L. Fowler.	1935	Supervisor of Attendance.	Buffalo Normal School.					
	Verna L. Wadleigh.	1927	Dir. Research, Elem. Super.	*B. U. 3 yrs.; Harvard Grad. School.					
	L. Reginald Adams Kibbe	1936	Art Supervisor.	*Mass. School of Art, B.S.E.					
	Phillip W. Althoff.	1927	Dir. Phys. Ed. and Athletics.	*Springfield College, B.P.E. M.Ed.					
	Mabel M. Brown.	1921	Director Health.	*B. U.; B.S.Ed.; Mass. Memor. Hosp.					
	Ruth Froberg.	1935	Clerk.	Reading High School.					
	Charles R. Henderson, M.D.		School Physician.						
	Rudolf Sussmann.	1917	Principal.	*Conn. State College, B. U., B.S.Ed.	595	532.86	503.99	93.70	563
	Myrtle W. Tilton.	1926	Secretary.	Reading High School.					
	Edward P. Batchelder.	1935	Coach, History.	Tufts, B.S., M.Ed.					
	Elizabeth A. Batchelder.	1915	Com. Eng., Of. Train. & Law.	*Salem Nor.; B. U., B.S.Ed.					
	Clarissa I. Brown.	1924	English.	*Gorham Nor.; B. U., B.S.Ed.					
	Elva A. Buckley.	1924	Shorthand and Type.	*Bay Path Inst. B. U., B.B.A.					
	A. Imrie Dixon.	1930	History.	Ohio Wesleyan, A.B.; Harvard, M.A.					
	Alberta F. Drury.	1917	Bookkeeping and Penmanship.	*Posse Normal, Salem Normal.					
	Blanche M. Dufault.	1935	Shorthand and Type.	*Plymouth Normal, B.Ed.					
	Helen M. England.	1929	English.	*Radcliffe, A.B., A.M.					
	Helene M. Ernst.	1931	German, History.	*Radcliffe, A.B.					
	Joseph F. Fitzgerald.	1929	History, Geometry.	Boston College, A.B.					
	Luke Halpin.	1922	Mathematics.	Bowdoin, A.B.; B. U., A.M.					
	Lillian H. Jenkins.	1930	Biology, Pract. Science.	U. of Missouri, A.B.					
Jr. High.	Elizabeth J. MacIver.	1935	Shorthand, Type, Com'l Geog.	*B. U. P.A.L., B.S.					
	Florence G. Nichols.	1929	Physical Ed. High and Elem.	Sargent School; B. U., B.S.Ed.					
	Samuel A. W. Peck.	1931	Music—High and Jr. High.	B. U., A.B., A.M.					
	Frederick J. Pope.	1922	Chemistry and Physics.	Colby, B.S.; Harvard, Ed.M.					
	Marian T. Pratt.	1919	French, History.	Wellesley, A.B.					
	Chester G. Seamans.	1936	Latin.	Amherst, B.A.					
	Carmen Simon.	1928	French and English.	*B. U., A.B., M.A.					
	Hermion T. Wheeler.	1924	Social Studies, Science.	Mass. State College, B.S.					
	Jean M. Wiens.	1935	English and Public Speaking.	U. of Wisc., B.A.; Emerson Col., B.L.I.					
	Robert F. Perry.	1935	Principal.	*U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.	621	578.91	538.25	92.72	599

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Highland . . . . .	George D. Anderson . . . . .	1926	Asst. Prin., Math.	*B. U., C.L.A., B.S.; Grad. Sch., A.M.	25	22.40	19.96	89.35	..
	Doris Skinner . . . . .	1925	Secretary . . . . .	Chandler Secretarial . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Natalie Cate . . . . .	1935	Clerk . . . . .	Reading High School . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Helen B. Bean . . . . .	1931	English . . . . .	Wellesley, A.B. . . . .	36	32.94	30.24	91.93	..
	Harriet S. Beattie . . . . .	1936	Art . . . . .	*Mass. School of Art, B.S.Ed.	33	32.25	29.29	93.29	..
	Marian D. Day . . . . .	1925	Science . . . . .	Beverly High School . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Lyman E. Fanc . . . . .	1918	Shop . . . . .	*Mass. Normal Art . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Hildegard E. Goranson . . . . .	1935	Bus. Training, Math.	B. U., C.L.A., B.S.	31	29.47	27.17	91.81	..
	Grace M. Harriman . . . . .	1928	Soc. Studies . . . . .	Radcliffe, A.B.; Harvard, Ed.M.	34	32.21	30.72	95.34	..
	Walter E. Hawkes . . . . .	1933	Phys. Ed., Hygiene . . . . .	Springfield College, B.S.	28	25.12	23.08	91.86	..
	Grace Heffron . . . . .	1930	English . . . . .	Tufts, A.B. . . . .	37	34.76	32.86	94.45	..
	Genevieve P. Hook . . . . .	1931	French, Latin, English . . . . .	U. of Vermont, A.B.; Radcliffe, A.M.	34	32.73	30.84	94.31	..
	Louise B. Jenkins . . . . .	1920	Soc. Studies . . . . .	Bridgewater Normal; B. U., B.S.Ed.	36	35.13	33.41	94.76	..
	Inez H. Lewis . . . . .	1923	Mathematics . . . . .	Gorham Normal . . . . .	37	34.72	32.68	94.12	..
	Claudia Perry . . . . .	1928	English . . . . .	Radcliffe, A.B. . . . .	33	32.10	30.36	94.64	..
	Victor E. Pitkin . . . . .	1933	Soc. Studies, Bus. Training . . . . .	Clark Univ., A.B., A.M.	37	33.20	31.17	93.86	..
	Dorothy W. Randall . . . . .	1929	English, Math. . . . .	Bridgewater Normal; Radcliffe, A.B.	35	32.78	29.89	91.06	..
	Anna M. Reck . . . . .	1928	Special Class . . . . .	Radcliffe, A.B. . . . .	35	34.13	32.99	96.35	..
	William F. Rich . . . . .	1928	Math., Soc. Studies . . . . .	*Salem Normal; B. U., B.S.Ed. . . . .	23	16.03	13.41	84.86	13
	Neil C. Robinson . . . . .	1936	Soc. Studies, Math. . . . .	*Mass. State College, B.S. . . . .	36	33.67	31.59	93.67	..
	Miriam Tilden . . . . .	1935	Gen. Science . . . . .	Bridgewater Tchn. Col., B.S.Ed. . . . .	25	24.64	22.31	90.53	..
	Margaret E. Tyacke . . . . .	1926	Phys. Ed., Hygiene . . . . .	Girls' High Sch., Boston; Harvard Summer Sch.	36	33.16	31.05	93.75	..
	Ruth E. Wetmore . . . . .	1936	Household Arts . . . . .	Simmons, B.S. . . . .	30	27.47	25.23	91.73	..
	Norma E. Perkins . . . . .	1928	Grades 3 and 4 . . . . .	Salem Normal . . . . .	40	36.87	33.82	91.57	33a
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	M. Grace Wakefield . . . . .	1890	Prin., Hld., Center, Union . . . . .	Salem Normal . . . . .	883	819.78	756.67	92.62	above, 804
	Alice Arsenault . . . . .	1935	Secretary . . . . .	Reading High School . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Maud E. Adlington . . . . .	1936	Grade 5 . . . . .	Simmons . . . . .	43	41.65	38.70	93.32	32
	Dorothy A. Allard . . . . .	1927	Grades 5 and 6 . . . . .	Salem Normal . . . . .	44	41.55	38.54	98.95	32
	Louise Borden . . . . .	1935	Grade 6 . . . . .	Bridgewater Tchr. Col., B.S.Ed.; B. U., M.Ed.	29	26.59	24.16	90.88	37
	Lillian F. Brann . . . . .	1930	Grade 5 . . . . .	*Farmington Normal, 1 year . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
	Marjorie H. Buckle . . . . .	1927	Physical Education . . . . .	Posse-Nissen School of Phys. Ed. . . . .	36	33.67	30.72	92.93	25



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Opportunity...	Matilda J. Gamble	1920	Grade 5	Woburn High School	45	41.16	38.03	92.74	31
	Carolyn C. Grace	1919	Grade 6	North Adams Normal	35	33.41	31.05	92.66	37
	Mary T. Macken	1935	Grade 5	*Emmanuel College, A.B.	36	30.83	27.15	91.79	24
	Helena Markham	1934	Grades 3 and 4	Framingham Normal	33	30.73	28.85	94.00	29
	Florence Potter	1926	Grade 5	*Plymouth Normal	46	41.23	38.63	93.69	30
	Annie W. Quillen	1916	Grade 6	Salem Normal	35	33.92	31.94	94.33	38
	Margaret Scullane	1934	Grade 6	*Lowell Teachers College	37	35.43	32.21	91.04	38
	Florence V. Thackleberry	1931	Grade 6	*Plymouth Normal; B. U.	28	24.55	22.46	91.46	37
	Mary M. Walsh	1934	Grade 6	*Westfield Normal; B. U., B.S.	36	34.66	32.55	93.90	38
	Margaret E. Whittier	1916	Music—Grades 1-6	*Salem Normal	17	14.39	12.76	88.91	13
	Pauline D. Farrell	1935	Lower Opportunity	*Framingham Normal; B. U., B.S. Ed.	19	16.62	13.89	89.75	16
	Helen D. Stockwell	1930	Upper Opportunity	*Salem Normal	38	34.82	32.75	94.36	35
	Jean M. Butters	1936	Grade 4	Salem Teachers College, B.S.E.	27	25.16	23.22	92.39	34
Center.....	Dorothy L. Cronin	1933	Grade 2	Lowell Teachers College, B.S.	28	27.48	25.17	91.34	26
	Edna M. Hallington	1935	Grade 1	R. I. State Teachers Col., B.Ed.	40	37.88	35.23	92.99	38
	Edna M. Lounsbury	1930	Grade 3	Salem Normal	32	28.33	26.84	93.81	34
	Helen Randolph	1936	Grade 4	Wheelock; B. U., B.S. Ed.	38	35.5	33.56	93.96	38
	Jeanne Sweetland	1935	Grade 3	*Wheelock; B. U., B.S. Ed.	43	40.79	37.20	91.66	35
	Alice D. Berry	1927	Grade 1	*Bridgewater Normal	44	39.44	34.94	85.91	34
	Winifred Cochrane	1920	Grade 1	Plymouth, N. H. Normal	38	34.96	32.88	94.16	36
	Glenna A. Dow	1919	Grade 2	Hyannis Normal, Emerson Col.	36	35.03	33.24	93.26	37
	Alberta R. Mathieson	1924	Grade 2	*Salem Normal	33	29.22	26.91	91.77	34
	Nellie P. Beaton	1920	Grade 4, Principal	Danvers High School	40	32.96	28.93	88.20	31
	Dorothy L. Burgess	1926	Grade 1	Lesley Normal	32	28.95	26.73	92.6	36
	Doris R. Cleary	1927	Grade 2	Salem Normal	38	36.51	33.80	92.13	37
	Isabel Winchester	1928	Grade 3	Lowell Normal, Emerson Col.	39	37.25	32.84	88.95	35
Prospect.....	Ada E. Dow	1909	Grade 3, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	46	41.94	36.85	87.76	37
	Jessie L. Goddard	1926	Grade 2	Perry Kindergarten School	35	32.92	28.73	88.91	38
	Velma E. Herrick	1927	Grade 1	Wheelock Kindergarten School	29	25.94	22.61	86.11	37
Chestnut Hill.	Olive S. Perry	1916	Grade 4	Aroostook State Normal	28	26.60	23.01	86.53	30
	Irene Royce	1928	Grades 1 and 2, Principal	Lyndon State Normal; B. U., B.S. Ed.	34	30.62	26.75	86.53	32

\* Have taken extra courses for credit in 1936.

† On leave of absence: Miss Helen R. Zimmerman substituting.



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1936

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To the School Committee,

Reading, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

I present herewith my third annual report, it being the forty-fourth of the series of reports issued by the Superintendent of the Public Schools of this town.

The year has, I think, been marked by an increased feeling of zest and hopefulness and of forward urge. This is a reflection of the generally better feeling throughout the country. The restoration of the salary cut has also contributed much to the sense of well-being on the part of the staff. All of us who work in the schools are appreciative of the support and confidence of the people of the town as evidenced by that restoration.

As we make further steps forward and correct weaknesses, we find further needs and further imperfections. Those needs and imperfections will, I hope, challenge us to continued and better growth.

In the remainder of the report, I shall attempt to set forth what I believe to be the state of the schools. In doing so, I shall incorporate the essential elements of the reports of the other supervisory and department officers.

### ———— THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ————

It is the function of the elementary school to provide for the pupils a common background of knowledge, skills and experiences, that is, the background of fundamentals that is necessary to all people regardless of their vocation or walk of life. That necessary background is not entirely academic or measurable. It also involves emotional stability, right attitudes and ideals, sound health and other elements that cannot be measured with our ordinary measuring sticks. They are, however, even more fundamental to living than such a measurable as arithmetic, for instance, important as that may be.

We are, therefore, in our planning, taking increasing cognizance of the need for special and specific provision of ways and means of developing not only the tangible, but also the intangible elements of our common background. The keystone of those ways and means must be a clear-cut recognition that children are human beings with the power to think and reason and to accept responsibility, and with the desire for self-expression.

They are having, therefore, increased opportunity to work individually and as groups on large activities that demand, not only thinking and reasoning, but also the ability to accept and discharge responsibility and the ability to get along with others. These activities, furthermore, look toward outcomes that are a part of the child's purpose, desire, and interest, as well as of the teacher's, and provide an opportunity for self-expression—a self-expression that is wholesome and that is not opposed to the general welfare of the group.

### **Test Results**

In the measurable work—the academic work—our tests show quite satisfactory results. The tests given in April in English, reading and arithmetic showed the classes to be well up to grade. Tests given in September to grades five and six also showed gratifying results, though in grade six the arithmetic test indicated certain weaknesses that, we hope, are being overcome.

I pointed out in my last year's report that new basal textbooks had been selected in arithmetic and reading. The year was, therefore, a transition one, and some drop in attainment would not have been surprising. We were, of course, doubly pleased to find the various classes up to grade. In fact, in the primary grades, it was found necessary to refer fewer pupils than usual to remedial work.

The gain is due partially to the new books, but more largely to improvements in instruction, such as better individualization of the work as evidenced by the increased use of the small-group method within the class. This method calls for the dividing of the class in a given subject into small groups on the basis of special needs as shown by diagnosis of the work of each child. I wish to commend the teachers for the strides that they have made in this direction.

### **Reading**

We are placing increased emphasis on reading instruction, not only in the reading class, but in all subjects. The pupil's success in his school work, regardless of the subject, is largely dependent upon his ability to read intelligently whatever textbook or subject he may be studying.

### **Testing and Promotion**

Our testing program continues to be an invaluable aid. Its chief function is not to determine the child's work, but to show us his weaknesses in order that we may direct instruction toward teaching him what he does not know rather than spending time on what he does know.

The test results are only one factor in promotion. The child's daily work, the teacher's judgment, physical and social readiness for the next grade, and other factors play a large part. In considering the question of whether a child shall be promoted or held back, our big question is: "In the light of all of the information that we have, what seems to be the best thing for him?" It is a crime against the child's emotional and educational welfare to force him into work for which he is not ready and with which he has little chance for successful competition.

In June, there were 1201 children in the first six grades. Of that number, all but 60 were given a straight promotion. Fifteen of the 60 were given a partial promotion. In other words, there was better than 95% promotion. We recognize that some of those who were promoted were not fully equipped academically for the next year's work, yet other factors seemed to indicate that it was to their advantage to go ahead rather than be held back.

## ———— JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ————

### **Program of Studies**

The Junior High School is operating with one less teacher this year. To make this possible, the so-called remedial program in English and mathematics for grades seven and eight was abolished and the teaching of spelling was transferred to the English program. One period per week was added to the required eighth grade program in mathematics. Possibly some loss has resulted from the dropping of the remedial program, though, as yet, it does not seem great enough to warrant the expense of carrying it on. We do feel, however, that as soon as possible we should have a properly trained teacher who could devote a large portion of her time to remedial reading instruction.

Art and music are required subjects in grades seven and eight for one period per week. An additional period of assembly chorus work has been added to the seventh grade program in music. This has proved to be such a success that it should be continued. In grade eight, the teachers are of the opinion that the present arrangement of alternating the art and the music by semesters, teaching two periods of art or music per week, is more successful than providing one period per week throughout the year. The work in music from every standpoint,—equipment, classroom instruction, choral work and instrumental music is outstanding.

### **The Home Room Program**

The following is a quotation from the report of Mr. Robert F. Perry, Principal of the Junior High School:

"Time has been given on our regular program this year without

increasing the length of the school day for a twenty-five minute home-room period four days a week. The present demand for efficiency in educational affairs means that, increasingly, any school activity must be justified on the basis of its benefits, contributions or value to the pupils who participate directly or indirectly in it. The purposes in allowing time on our schedule for this home-room program were as follows:

1. To give time to the home-room teacher to carry on work in guidance.
2. To develop more desirable pupil-teacher relationships.
3. To raise the general standards of discipline, control and develop more desirable ideals and habits of citizenship.
4. To provide an opportunity for instruction in common background or so-called integrating knowledge so necessary in a democracy.

Under the present plan, the home-room teacher carries the home-room group for the three years of junior high school. Pupils in the home room are selected on a random basis with provision for changing the individual member of the home room if advisable. The program of activities for the home-room period has been developed by a committee of teachers. In general, the work has been satisfactory and justifies itself from every standpoint. The longer we continue the program and the more experience we have with it, the more successful will be the results. While it is difficult to analyze the effectiveness of the home-room program by any form of existing tests, nevertheless, it is the opinion of the staff that there has been a considerable improvement in the general tone of the school. The spirit on the part of the pupils seems better and there is some unity of purpose and plan in our whole citizenship program."

In my report last year, I stated that an effort was being made to improve the guidance system. The above program is the result, to date, of that effort. The Junior High School staff deserves real credit for the work and thought that has been put into the program and also for the way in which it is now functioning.

#### **Assistant Principal**

Mr. George Dana Anderson, who has been head of the Mathematics Department since the opening of the school, was made Assistant Principal in September. His efforts and accomplishments in even this short time demonstrate the wisdom of choosing him for the position.

## ———— HIGH SCHOOL ————

### Guidance

The question is often asked: "What is guidance?" It is difficult to give a brief but clear answer to that question. It may be said, however, that guidance is an effort on the part of an adult to guide children into wise moral, social, educational and vocational choices. The school, through test results, marks, general observation of the child by the teacher, information from the home, and by other means, tries to secure as complete a picture as possible of the child's attitudes, ideals, aptitudes, abilities, tendencies, etc. It also attempts to aid the child in self-appraisal. Then with all of the information as background, it seeks to help the child to the wise choices mentioned above.

In the junior high school, the particular emphasis is on educational guidance toward the choice of a curriculum in that school and the high school that fits the needs, desires, and abilities of the child.

In the high school, educational guidance must also play a part, but, in the junior and senior years, the emphasis should be on vocational guidance, for the pupil must be giving serious thought to what he wishes to do after graduation. Again, all information is brought to bear in an effort to point the way to a wise choice of vocation or further schooling.

Increased work in the field of guidance—educational, vocational, and social—has also been evident in our High School, and a more definite program is being developed. The general plan calls for a guidance committee which acts with and through the home-room teacher. The whole staff, under the direction of Mr. Sussmann, is at work studying the situation, and it is hoped that before another year is ended a very helpful program will be in operation.

### Curricula

In the High School, the pupil specializes in some particular curriculum. It is the hope and effort of the schools to have him select the one best suited to his abilities, interests, and needs.

The college preparatory courses are successfully fitting students for schools of higher education. Reports from those schools indicate a high standard of work on the part of Reading graduates.

The civic preparatory curriculum has had several changes and additions this year in an effort to make it of more benefit to the pupil who does not fit into the college preparatory or the vocational courses. It aims to give those pupils a broad social intelligence and good preparation for citizenship. Vocational guidance is also a fundamental part of this course.



In the vocational field, the commercial courses are doing good work in training pupils and in helping them to secure positions. The school is, however, underequipped for a complete program. At present, the only actual drill on commercial machines can be on typewriters. A dictaphone, adding and billing machines, and, perhaps, comptometers should also be made available when possible.

Other than the commercial work, our pupils can get practically no vocational work unless they elect to go to a trade school. More and more pupils who cannot benefit by abstract academic work are remaining in school instead of going to work. Something must be done in the near future to meet their needs. Our present limited high school facilities make added vocational work impossible. It is doubtful if Reading will be justified in setting up a regular trade school for some time to come. There should be provided, however, more adequate facilities for carrying on work in the manual arts as a step toward vocational training.

The agricultural course, which has been in continuous operation since 1917, has, for the time being at least, been abandoned. The enrollment in the course had dropped to the point where it was no longer economical to carry it on. Perhaps there will never again be sufficient demand for it to warrant its re-establishment.

The dropping of agriculture, and the assignment of the instructor to other work, has made it possible to save money by getting along with one less teacher this year.

A decided weakness in the High School offering is the lack of an adequate library in the school and of a library teacher. It is essential that the pupils learn how to use a library, that they have reference books and research material available for their use under a trained person, and that they have in their school opportunity for wide reading for general culture and for worth while pleasure. A fundamental part of their training should be in how and where to find information.

### 1936 Graduates

Mr. Rudolf Sussmann, Principal of the High School, reports that the 1936 graduates are spending their first year out of high school as follows :

College .....	15
Normal School .....	2
Preparatory School .....	4
Commercial School .....	16
Art School .....	1
Post Graduates .....	22
Nurse Training .....	2
Beauty Culture .....	2

Working .....	44
Travelling .....	1
Married .....	1
At Home .....	16
Moved Away .....	6
Unaccounted for .....	2

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## — HEALTH —

Because of the general excellence of the school nursing program as carried on by Miss Mabel Brown, Director of Health, the State Department of Health has chosen Reading as a community in which to set up a demonstration center for persons in training to become school nurses. The State Department, through a Federal grant, will provide an additional nurse for Reading. In return, students will have the opportunity to spend from several days to a week in observing our health work. Reading may well be proud of its health work and of its Director of Health, for the State Department has made its selection after careful thought and investigation.

Incidentally, it should be pointed out that the Southern Middlesex Health Association selected Miss Brown to become its paid executive secretary. We are fortunate that she elected to remain with us.

### Rest Periods

During the year, an experiment has been carried on in providing rest periods for the children in the first two grades. The purpose of these periods has been not only to give the children rest, but also to teach them how to relax. The children have put newspapers on the floor and stretched out flat on their backs. Precautions have been taken against drafts and cross-infection.

Under some of the teachers, the plan has worked admirably. Many of the children drop right off to sleep. A prominent pediatrician, who observed some of the rest periods, stated that because of the short time the children are lying down, there is very little danger of catching cold, and that the amount of benefit to be derived from the rest period far outweighs the possibilities of harm.

### Washing Facilities

In accordance with the recommendation made in my report last year, improved hand-washing facilities have been installed in the High School and the Highland School. The new equipment facilitates washing and should encourage the pupils toward increased cleanliness.

The facilities in the other grade schools are inadequate and obsolete. I hope that they may be replaced with better equipment in the near future.

### **Lip Reading Instruction**

We find that we have in the schools eight children whom otologists have pronounced incurably deaf, though they may not have lost all hearing as yet. Our audiometer tests show that there are fifty-four other children with a hearing loss that indicates danger of permanent deafness. An effort is being made to have the parents of these children have them examined by a competent doctor in order to get at the reason for the hearing loss.

We estimate that there will be thirty-five to forty children, all told, who are somewhat deaf now and who will become increasingly so. These children, of course, find difficulty in competing with their school work. It will be even more difficult for them when they get out of school.

I recommend, therefore, that provision be made in the budget for a lip-reading instructor. The cost will not be great. Miss Wadleigh is carrying on some work where it is most needed, but her other duties make it impossible for her to devote to lip-reading instruction the time that it needs and deserves.

### **Communicable Diseases**

This year has been a much better one than 1935 in respect to the amount of communicable disease. We hope that our prevention program has played some part in this relief. Certainly we are making every effort to prevent the spread of disease. Our work has received enthusiastic commendation from the State Board of Health.

### **Health Teaching**

Although some good work is being done in health teaching, we feel that there is room for improvement. A committee has been appointed to study the matter and to select better textbooks. We hope that a report will be forthcoming before the end of the present school year.

## **— PHYSICAL EDUCATION —**

During the year we have had a survey made of our physical education program by Mr. Carl Schrader, formerly Director of Physical Education in the State Department of Education, in the hope of getting suggestions for further improvement. Several excellent suggestions and recommendations were made, and many of them have already been incorporated into the program.

One point emphasized by Mr. Schrader was the desirability of playground equipment that would invite the children to stretching and hanging exercises. He feels that such exercises are essential to the

development of good posture. We were able to purchase a so-called "junglegym" for the Lowell Street and Chestnut Hill Schools. Further equipment should be purchased as soon as possible.

### **Individual Needs**

Through measurement of various physical skills, strength and other physical tests, and through our physical examinations we are getting information that is enabling us to do more and more in setting up work to fit the needs of individuals and groups of individuals. We hope that during 1937 we shall be able to carry on a more thorough-going program in the correction of postural defects. We can, of course, do little or nothing with poor posture that is due to structural defects, nor should we attempt to. That is work for a doctor.

### **Athletics**

Reading has been creditably represented in competitive athletics. Its teams have not always been winners, but they have evidenced a knowledge of fundamentals, good physical condition, good sportsmanship, team-play, a zest for competition, and a generally wholesome and virile spirit. Winning is pleasant and worth striving for; the fun of the game and the strength and character it builds should, however, be the primary objectives.

The High School has teams competing interscholastically in the following sports: football, basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, cross country, golf, field hockey.

### **———— MUSIC ————**

The most noticeable achievements in music during the year were the success of the glee clubs in the Highland, Junior High and High Schools. The Highland and Junior High School glee clubs won superior ratings in the Massachusetts Music Festival held in Haverhill. The Junior High group won first place in the New England Music Festival held in Portland. The same club, in conjunction with the High School Glee Club and the Medford Band, opened the "Music and American Youth" series of broadcasts over a nation-wide hookup. All of the clubs made creditable appearances at other times.

Those achievements were the more apparent ones. We must not forget, however, that they are the result of the generally excellent vocal work that is being carried on in our schools. Our children are not only learning to sing, they are also learning to get joy out of singing.

Our instrumental work is also making satisfactory progress, though the cost of instruments prevents many children from participating in the bands and orchestras. The opportunity for participation is, however, provided even in the primary grades where rhythm bands have been



formed. In addition to the regular school organizations, competent instructors outside the school staff are giving instrumental lessons in the schools at relatively low cost to the pupils. These classes come afternoons after school and on Saturdays.

I have spoken thus far of training to produce music at the amateur level. Equally or even more important work is being done in training for intelligent consumption of music, that is, for appreciation. Relatively few of our pupils will become expert musicians; there is no reason, however, why most of them cannot be brought to an understanding and appreciation of music, with the resulting happiness that will come to them now and later.

## ———— ART ————

During the year, Mr. L. Reginald A. Kibbe was elected Supervisor of Art. He teaches the work in the High School and teaches and supervises in the grades. Miss Harriet Beattie was elected as art teacher in the Junior High School. The work of these two people thus far indicates that in each case our choice was a happy one.

Excellent work is being done in tying up the art work with the other studies, especially the social studies. Large group projects are being carried on which enlist the interest of the children because they present a real purpose. Some of the friezes that have been made are well worth seeing.

In all of the art work, we are attempting to give the children an opportunity to express themselves, to exercise their ingenuity and creative ability. The technical aspects are, of course, being taught, but as a means to an end rather than as an end in themselves. Live and interesting materials are being presented. We are trying to get away from the type of work that caused a boy in another system to say to his principal, "I have drawn that wooden egg ever since I was in the first grade, and I am sick of it."

In the art, as in the music, the appreciative side must be emphasized. We are planning for even more of that work through increased presentation of prints of worth while works of art and through a study of the beauty in nature and in the works of man.

## ———— ATTENDANCE ————

Truancy is not an acute or widespread problem in Reading. Most of the absence is due to actual sickness. In some cases it is due to lack of clothing. As soon as such cases are discovered, the Attendance Officer, Mrs. Josephine Fowler, in co-operation with municipal or private organizations, or with interested individuals, is usually able to remedy the situation.



There are children who are truant too often. It is usually found that the school has nothing to offer them in which they have any real interest or aptitude. Mrs. Fowler again this year emphasizes the need for increased provision for work in the manual arts.

Speaking of that need in relation to lessening truancy, she points out the ultimate economy of adequate handwork as a means of holding children in school. I quote the following paragraph from her report:

"Looking at the problem from a money angle, we all know that a child first delinquent, then criminal, is many times more expensive to the state than one who is kept in school and develops into a useful man or woman."

## ———— GENERAL ————

### English

During the year the committee of teachers on English made its report. The committee had been at work for about one and one-half years on the English curriculum and on the choice of basal textbooks for English. The study was a thorough-going and painstaking one, and will, I think, result in better English work in the schools. The fundamental thought behind the new course of study and the new books is a closer tie-up of English with the other school work and with the child's daily experience; that is, the use of good English at all times, and not only in the English class. We are trying to get across the idea that every teacher must be a teacher of English as well as of her own special field.

Some of the courses of study at the various levels are not in their complete written form as yet. The High School committee has, however, completed a very excellent and thorough analysis and program.

I wish to extend congratulations and commendation to the various members of the committee for the hard work they have done and the good results they have achieved. The committee is made up as follows: High School—Miss Batchelder, Miss England; Junior High School—Miss Heffron, Mrs. Bean; Grades—Miss Wadleigh, Miss Quillen, Miss Borden, Mrs. Potter, Miss Macken, Miss Perkins, Miss Markham, Miss Smith, Mrs. Lounsbury, Miss Cleary, Miss Glenna Dow, Miss Berry, Miss Burgess. The members from North Reading were Mr. Hendershot, Mrs. Youill and Miss Murray.

### Practical Arts

Again this year, in their reports to me, the principals of the Highland, Junior High and High schools, and the Attendance Officer have pointed out the need for broadening our shop and domestic science program. I heartily agree with them.

Early in the depression, the work for grades five and six was

discontinued, and the scope of the work in the Junior and Senior High School was narrowed. At present, in the shop, for instance, the program includes only woodworking, although the shop is equipped for metal and other types of work. Furthermore, with only one instructor in shop and one in domestic science, it is impossible to accomodate many of the secondary school pupils who would like to take the work and who would benefit by it.

I recommend, therefore, that you make provision in the budget for an added teacher in shop and in domestic science. Facilities for the work are available only in the Junior High School building, but added teachers will make it possible for us to make more adequate provision for pupils from the other schools. Because the facilities and equipment are available, very little added expenditure will be necessary.

### **Superintendents' Visit**

On December 4, we were honored by having the Merrimack Valley Superintendents' Association hold its meeting in Reading. Many of the superintendents brought supervisors and principals with them. About one hundred attended. Their special interest in coming was to see our work in remedial reading and other subjects. They spent the morning in visiting classes in the various schools. Luncheon was then served in the Junior High School cafeteria, and in the afternoon there was a meeting in the auditorium of that school. The program was as follows:

- 1:15—1:20 Introductory remarks, Roy E. Keller, President
- 1:20—1:25 Word of greeting, Superintendent Arthur E. Pierce
- 1:30—2:00 Demonstration class of small-group technique in remedial reading—Miss Jeanne Sweetland and class from Center School.
- 2:00—2:45 Address by Dr. Donald Durrell on remedial reading
- 2:45—3:00 Discussion by:
  - Mr. Roy E. Keller—Superintendent, Manchester
  - Mr. James J. Quinn—Superintendent, Winchester
  - Mr. Thomas Grindle—Superintendent, Lexington
- 3:00—3:30 Open discussion
- 3:30—3:45 Business meeting

The visitors made many favorable comments on what they had seen in the classrooms. Since the meeting, several of the superintendents have had some of their teachers observe our work.

I wish here to commend and thank Miss Wadleigh, the Elementary Supervisor, the principals, and particularly the teachers for the part they played in making the day a success. It was the work that they are doing that made the superintendents desirous of visiting with us.

## **School Plant and Grounds**

On the whole, the school buildings are in excellent condition. We are indebted to W. P. A. projects for much of the work that has been done at relatively low cost to the Town. We are fortunate in Reading in the group of men who are supervising the W. P. A. work and who are doing the actual work on the projects.

A great deal of work has, of course, been done through regular channels. The heating plants in all schools are now in better and more efficient condition. One of the most worth while improvements was the installation of modern hand washing equipment in the Highland School and High School. I sincerely hope that similar steps may be taken in the primary buildings in the not distant future, for the washing facilities there are anything but modern or adequate.

New, movable furniture has been put into several rooms to replace some rather ancient and unhygienic fixed furniture. We should, as soon as possible, start on a regular program of furniture replacement. Many of our pupils are having to use desks that cannot be adjusted to fit them.

The alterations to the High School building and the fire escape on the Opportunity building, required for certification by the State Department of Public Safety, have been satisfactorily completed.

### **Grounds**

The school grounds are certainly not in as good condition as the buildings. We should start immediately to overcome the damage resulting to them through inadequate funds during the past several years for their proper upkeep.

I recommend that provision be made in the 1937 budget for complete reconstruction and proper drainage of the High School grounds, for caring for the Highland School grounds where washing has occurred, for complete regrading and reconditioning of the Lowell Street playground, and for adequate care and fertilization of all grounds.

During 1936 a small amount of money was spent in an attempt to improve the athletic field at the Junior High School. It is now evident, however, that improved drainage will be necessary before any lasting improvement can be made. That drainage will involve more area than just the field. It probably cannot be carried out in 1937, but steps in that direction should be taken as soon as possible.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the townspeople, the school staff, and to you for the co-operation, help, and guidance that have been extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. PIERCE

Age-Grade Table—October 1, 1936

Age	Ungraded	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P. G.	Total
5 Years		58													58
6 "		108	55												163
7 "	2	7	110	54	1										174
8 "	1	4	28	92	62	1									188
9 "	4		4	26	105	55	1								195
10 "	5			6	20	71	95	8							205
11 "	2				6	38	84	86	4						220
12 "	7					9	30	66	93	3					208
13 "	8						9	19	76	74	8	1			195
14 "	11						6	6	22	76	64	14			199
15 "	2							3	8	34	85	59	2		193
16 "								1	7	7	31	65	60	1	165
17 "											11	27	60	9	107
18 "											3	13	24	10	50
19 "											2	3	4	5	14
20 "													1		1
21 "													1		1
Total	42	177	197	178	194	174	225	188	204	194	204	182	152	25	2336

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE  
READING HIGH SCHOOL**

**Class of 1936**

Shepardson Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE TENTH

eight o'clock

PROCESSIONAL—Pomp and Chivalry Roberts  
High School Orchestra

PRAYER—Rev. Charles F. Lancaster

CHORUS—Pilgrim Chorus from "Tannhauser" Wagner  
Senior Class

**Salutatory**

WHITHER

Muriel Areta Newberry

TORCH ORATION

Richard Howe Crooker, Class President

Response by John Russell Bird, Junior Class President

CLARINET SOLO

The Californian Le Thiere

Elsdon Eames Richardson

ESSAY

New England

Mary Lee Kingman, Faculty Honors

ESSAY

Lincoln, A Challenge to the Youth of Today

Joseph H. Reed, Jr., Class Honors

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

Lawrence Abbott Cate, Class Treasurer

Acceptance by Head Master

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Head Master

PIANO SOLO

Impromptu in C Sharp Minor Rheinhold

Marguerite Frances Doucette

**Valedictory**

WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION

Lawrence Abbott Cate

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Arthur W. Coolidge, Chairman of School Board

BENEDICTION—Rev. Charles F. Lancaster

PRIEST'S MARCH FROM ATHALIA Mendelssohn

High School Orchestra



## GRADUATES

### Accounting Course

Raymond T. Gibbons	Bernard Gordon Nichols
Mildred C. Mason	Raymond A. Nichols
Leo Dennis Meuse	Walter Edward Noyes

### Agricultural Course

Walter H. Avery	Louis Robert Doyle
Philip Davies Dewhurst	Paul Thomas Stephens

### Civic Preparatory Course

John Frank Bronk	Frederick Campbell Kenney, Jr.
Ann M. Conners	Vernon Albert Lake
Delmer Daniel Cotreau	Evelyn M. LaPlante
John Russell Crowley	Agnes Elizabeth O'Dowd
Ronald Edgar De Patie	Ivan H. Robertson
Nathaniel Bailey Doane	Elinor Muriel Salmon
John William Done	Edward Maxwell Spavin
Edward Joseph Duggan	George Henry Spindler
Roger D. Hatfield	William John Timmerman

Mary Hitchcock

### Classical Course

Ruth Hazel Boston	Mary Lee Kingman
Mary Cameron Estabrook	Virginia Elsie Pease
Frances Mary Jewett	Raymond Edgar Thorn

Dorothy May Ward

### Clerical Course

Marion C. Brown	Alice Marie Holmes
Lillian May Carder	Irvin Francis Lake
Olive Lucille Condon	Eileen Katherine Maguire
Frances Agnes Doucette	Elinor Marion Mills
Catherine Faulkner	Beulah Pierce

Alida Fox

### College Course

Emily Warren Ambrose	Ardis Mae Paul
Merton Charles Barstow, Jr	Joseph H. Reed, Jr.
Lawrence Abbott Cate	Frank Farnham Sargent
John Thomas Creiger	Frances Joslyn Shay
John Cullinane	Dorothy Carson Steele
Jean Elizabeth Jacob	Philip Brooks Sussmann
Charles Warren Jones, Jr.	Ronald Nuttall Taylor
Muriel Areta Newberry	Elsie Janet Wilkinson

### Fine Arts Course

John Anthony MacDonald, Jr .	Esther Farrell Ray
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### Normal Course

Audrey Elaine Batchelder	James Henry Howard
Edward Wilfred Batten	Winnifred Keating
Carroll Noyes Colby	Ernest R. Leavitt, Jr.
Barbara Leona Davis	Edward Norman Macman
Eleanor A. Dissel	Paul Ellsworth Mansell
Marguerite Frances Doucette	Oscar Lloyd Olsen
Clifton Philip Englund	Virginia Pomeroy
Harriet Bancroft Esty	Eldson Eames Richardson
Marcus Kent Fletcher	Linton Birkett Salmon
Helen Roberta Gillis	Barbara Knight Sawyer
Richard Woodbury Gonnarn	Tessibel Werner

### Practical Arts Course

George Anderson	Charles Everett Parry
Marian H. Bacheller	Helen R. Picard
Charlotte Reed Bates	Bernard Joseph Pitman
Wendell Godfrey	Helen Powell
Henry Paul Landry	Helen Louisa Stephenson

### Scientific Course

Francis Martin Hayward

### Secretarial Course

Hazel Elizabeth Brenton	Virginia Frances Pitman
Emma F. Bridges	Lois Pratt Quigley
Robert Bastow Coombs	Constance Roberts Taylor
Marjorie Elizabeth De Patie	Elvira L. Thieme
Geraldine Martha Le Tourneau	Maude Irene Whitcomb
Irene Norton	Marjorie Louise Willard
Dorothy Mae O'Brien	

### Irregular Course

Emma Sanborn Ames	Rita Madeline Johnson
Bruce Poore Bailey	Gardner Clifford Knapp
Olive Winslow Bates	Catherine Ryan Marr
Eleanor Hill Brady	Nancy Elizabeth Rossman
Shirley Frances Burbank	William Dean Sommers
Mavis Lloyd Burns	Charles Robert Stark
Robert Chanonhouse	Jessie A. Stewart
Richard Howe Crooker	Harlan Surette
Kenneth Vincent Cutcliffe	Marjorie June Vaughan
Edith Goodwin Day	Mildred Julia White
George Wilson Harris	Fanny Ethelyne Wilkins
Lillian M. Xavier	

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

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To the Honorable, the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I herewith submit my report as Town Counsel for the year ending December 31, 1936.

In the performance of the duties of my office it has been necessary to devote considerable time to the cases brought against the Board of Assessors before the Board of Tax Appeals. There are now pending before the Board ten undisposed of appeals which will be heard by the Board of Tax Appeals when reached for hearing on the docket or otherwise disposed of through successful negotiations for settlement. During the year three cases were disposed of after hearing before the Board.

Tax titles involving nineteen cases have been filed in the Land Court for foreclosure, resulting in the entry of sixteen decrees issued by the Court foreclosing the right of redemption and declaring the title to said parcels to be absolute, the remaining three cases are still pending in said Court. I have collected the taxes on three tax titles aggregating the sum of \$2429.06. The tax liens on five parcels of land of low value have been foreclosed as provided under the Statute, so that for the ensuing years four of such parcels will contribute to the tax revenue of the Town.

Release deeds have been prepared covering several parcels of land sold by the Board of Selectmen and acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax liens in the Land Court. The Town acquired nine parcels of land for the enlargement and development of the public dump on John Street. The titles were examined and proceedings for the taking of such parcels by right of Eminent Domain were perfected, including negotiations with the owners for settlement of damages. Release deeds and waiver of claim for damages were obtained from the owners of such parcels. Opinions on several important matters were rendered to the Board of Selectmen. Certain by-laws which the Town adopted at the annual Town Meeting were submitted by me for approval by the Attorney General, and the necessary proceedings taken to effectuate the by-laws in accordance with the provisions of the statute. I have prepared the contract and bond for the installation of the automatic fire alarm repeater.

The matter of laying out of streets, orders of taking of easements for drainage and water main purposes and waivers of claim for damages have required my attention for the Board of Public Works. Opinions concerning various matters coming under the supervision of the Board of Public Works have been rendered by me. Titles have been examined in connection with the takings of land and easements, and

various other activities of the Board were referred to me for my consideration and advice.

I have examined and approved for the School Department the contracts for the transportation of school children, the alterations to the High School building and the removal of ashes and rubbish. I have also prepared certain rules, regulations and policies governing the election, re-election and holding office of teachers under tenure, which regulations have been duly adopted by the School Committee.

Assistance has been rendered the Board of Public Welfare in connection with the rights of the Town in real estate of Welfare and Old Age Assistance recipients. Opinions have been rendered to the Board on various matters, and a claim against the Town has been settled for the support of an individual entitled to welfare benefits.

I brought suit in behalf of the Town for the Municipal Light Department against an individual to recover damages to electric light pole and equipment, and the litigation has been adjusted by the taking over of an automobile which the Town had under attachment. At the beginning of the year there were five suits pending against the Town in the Courts and one petition for assessment of damages resulting from a change of grade and specific repairs on Main Street. During the year two suits were brought against the Town, one for damages to real estate caused by a welfare recipient, and the other suit is in behalf of the City of Boston for reimbursement of welfare aid and hospital services rendered to individuals having legal settlements in and chargeable to the Town. Ten claims have been made against the Town during the year, which claims have not been made the subjects of suits.

I have assisted the Planning Board in the matter of the proposed new zoning by-law, have attended hearings of the Board of Appeal, and have rendered opinions in connection with their decisions on questions involving the zoning and building laws of the Town.

The usual routine matters of answering to trustee suits have occupied considerable time. I have attended the hearings of the various boards, given advice and opinions on Town matters, drafted all documents and legal instruments, prosecuted all claims brought in behalf of the Town, appeared in defense of all actions and suits instituted or pending against the Town, and performed every professional act required of me in the performance of the duties of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Counsel

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

of the

ELECTRIC LIGHT  
COMMISSIONERS

For the year Ended

December 31, 1936



## OFFICERS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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### Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman.....Term expires 1938  
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary.....Term expires 1937  
HERBERT G. EVANS ..... Term expires 1939

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### Manager

ARTHUR G. SIAS

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### Office

565 Main St., Reading, Mass.

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### MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:  
Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1936.

We purchased during the year 8,518,418 kilowatt hours, an increase of 6.8 per cent over the previous year, and sold 7,546,400 kilowatt hours, an increase of 8.8 per cent. The average cost per K. W. H. at the switchboard was 1.148 cents, as compared with 1.177 cents in 1935.

The kilowatt hours unaccounted for dropped from 13.17 per cent to 11.23 per cent, due in large measure to the change in distribution voltage from 2300 volts to 4000 volts.

The maximum station load was 2750 K. W. on December 24th, an increase of 300 K. W. over the previous year. The number of K. W. H. sold for residence service increased nearly 10 per cent, and the K. W. H. sold per residence meter were 849.5 as compared with 794.6 in 1935, an increase of nearly 7 per cent. The K. W. H. sold for commercial lighting, heating and small power, increased about 12 per cent, and for commercial power about 17 per cent.

There was a decrease of about 8.5 per cent in the number of K. W. H. sent out on the street light circuits, due to the use of 600 candle power lamps in the center in place of the 1000 candle power lamps used in the previous year.

The income from sale of current was \$21,552.93 more than in 1935, about 64 per cent, of which was received from sales for residence service, 25 per cent from commercial service, and 11 per cent from power service.

The operating expenses show an increase of \$10,257.81 over the previous year, the principal items of which are, purchased power \$3,028.00, depreciation \$1,392.35, advertising \$1,378.84, and payroll \$5,171.18, with a decrease in the operation and maintenance of distribution lines of \$2,060.19.

The Profit and Loss surplus shows a gain of \$9,119.53 after bond and note payments of \$11,000.00 and payment to the town of \$20,000 in lieu of taxes.

At the close of the year we had current assets of \$108,595.21 and current liabilities of \$55,865.26.

Additions to plant have been made during the year amounting to \$41,459.19, all of which has been paid out of operating income.

The several plant accounts have been reduced by applying the depreciation allowance of \$29,379.00, which represents 3 per cent of the total cost of the plant as of January 1, 1936.

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## POWER STATION

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The new switchboard, feeder regulators and station wiring, work on which was started in 1935, has now been completed and additional condenser units have been installed in the capacitor for power factor correction at a cost of \$10,487.94. This equipment should be sufficient to take care of the growth of the business for 15 to 20 years.

The capacitor for power factor correction is one of the most valuable pieces of apparatus in the power station. The total cost to purchase and install was \$3,025.00, and the saving in cost of purchased power last year was \$3,586.00. The generating capacity of the plant is limited by the type and capacity of the boilers, which will produce only sufficient steam for the turbines when they are operated under full load conditions. The rated capacity of the plant is 1600 K. W., which is the total capacity of the two turbines. It is therefore unnecessary to maintain the steam engine and generator, which was installed in 1907 and which has been fully depreciated on our book value of plant, and I recommend that it be sold and the original cost of same deducted from total cost of plant account.

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## DISTRIBUTION LINES

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Additions to the distribution system during the year amounted to \$30,970.31. The underground system was extended on Main Street between Salem and Charles Streets at a cost of \$12,922.14, including the installation of 4 concrete lighting standards with ornamental brackets and novalux fixtures. The overhead system has been extended by the addition of 93 poles, 4288 feet of street lighting wire and 93,349 feet of wire in the commercial circuits. Poles renewed during the year were

Reading 133, North Reading 90, Wilmington 118 and Lynnfield Center 22.

The Reading Commercial circuits were changed from 2300 to 4000 volts early in the year, which contributed to a reduction in the loss of current in the distribution system.

We have connected to the lines during the year 2 transformers and 169 meters, making a total of 496 transformers and 5894 meters connected at the close of the year. 200 new services were installed as compared with 141 in the previous year. The total number of customers at the close of the year was 5915.

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## STREET LIGHTING

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Additional street lights have been installed on the public streets as follows: Reading—Chapin Avenue 2, Henzie Street 1, Oak Street 1, Howard Street 1, Fairview Avenue 1, Prospect Street 1, County Road 1, Kingston Street 1, Mineral Street 1, and Main Street 1, a total of 11. Three private street lights were installed on Pine Ridge Road and 2 on Oak Ridge Road. In North Reading 1 street light was installed on Emerson Road.

The K. W. H. sent out on the Reading street light circuits during the year were 439,503 and the average cost per K. W. H. as defined by statute was 3.57 cents, which makes the cost for the year \$15,735.96. The appropriation from the tax levy for street lights was \$17,500, or an excess over the cost of \$1,764.04. In 1935 the excess of cost over the appropriation was \$1,744.85.

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

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We installed the usual decorative lighting on Main, Haven, Lowell and Harnden Streets as well as on the Common, Ernest Leach Park, Elm Park and the small park at West Street and County Road, the cost to the Department being as follows:

Cost of materials used.....	\$ 69.00
Cost of lamp renewals.....	31.14
Cost of labor, truck and insurance .....	666.08
Cost of current (15,041 K. W. H. @ 1.8c).....	270.74
Total Cost .....	<u>\$1036.96</u>

Number of lamps lighted approximately 4500.

## METER DEPARTMENT

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The records of this department show that the following tests have been made during the year:

Meter Room Tests .....	1021
Inquiry Tests and Investigations .....	296
Tests at Request of Customers .....	165
Periodic Tests .....	239
Polyphase Meter Inspections .....	120
Meters Repaired .....	133
Meters Equipped with Temperature Compensation.....	365

We have purchased 286 new meters during the year and have made 364 installations of outdoor meters. The total number of outdoor meters at the close of the year was 1097.

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## LAMP AND APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

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The net sales of lamps, appliances and repairs for the year were \$34,-998.18, which was \$2,878.72 less than the previous year.

We have connected during the year 134 ranges, 74 of which were sold by the department, also 38 water heaters, 23 of which were purchased from the department. 82 refrigerators were purchased from us during the year.

The appliances sold are estimated to consume 208,875 K. W. H. per year with an annual income of \$8,355.00.

The cost of installations was \$2,690.20 and the total expense of the department for the year was \$5,158.23.

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## GARAGE

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The automobile expense for the year was \$5,910.48, which includes depreciation and insurance.

Miles Run .....	121,621
Gallons of Gas.....	11,322
Miles per Gallon .....	10.74
Gallons of Oil .....	146
Miles per Gallon .....	834.4
Average Cost per Mile.....	4.86 cents

The new line truck with pole setting derrick and winch which was purchased during the year will greatly facilitate the work of setting poles and running wire, and is a valuable addition to our equipment.

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## **FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

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I have the following recommendations to make for extensions and improvements to plant during the coming year:

Extension of the underground distribution system from Main Street through Washington and High Streets to Woburn Street at an estimated cost of \$14,964.00. Extension of the underground distribution system on Harnden Street to Salem Street and on Woburn Street to Sanborn Street at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00.

A supplementary power line from Lowell Street through Grove Street to the Water Pumping Station at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00

Improvement of the street lighting on Woburn Street and Lowell Street at an estimated cost of \$2,600.00.

The installation of 3 additional feeder voltage regulators at the power station at an estimated cost of \$4,200.00.

The estimated total cost of these improvements is \$26,764.00 and the expense of same can be paid from the Construction and Depreciation Funds.

In 1926 the Edison Company made an investment in the town of \$93,000.00 for underground ducts, cables, transformers and switching equipment in order to supply high tension service at the power station. The annual rental paid by the Department on this investment is \$12,555.00.

Under the terms of the agreement between the Edison Company and the Town, there is an opportunity for the Town to purchase the property of the Company located in Reading at a cost less an allowance for depreciation as specified in the agreement.

The present depreciated value of the property is \$73,800.00, and if the Town desires to purchase the property at this time the Edison Company will make a further concession of \$13,800.00, which brings the price down to \$60,000.00. There will be a saving to the Town of about \$3,000.00 per year if the property is purchased at this time and I recommend that the matter be brought before the voters for consideration.



## ESTIMATES FOR 1937

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My estimate of the expenses and income for the year ending December 31, 1937, in accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws, is herewith submitted:

### Expenses

For Operation, Maintenance and Repairs .....	\$235,578.93
For Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	2,252.50
For Depreciation at 3% of \$992,335.54.....	29,770.06
For Bond Payments .....	5,500.00
For Note Payments .....	4,000.00
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Total Expenses .....	\$277,101.49

### Income

From Sales to Private Consumers.....		\$294,000.00
From Tax Levy:		
For Street Lights .....	\$ 15,000.00	
For Municipal Departments .....	3,800.00	\$ 18,800.00
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Total Income .....		\$312,800.00

A summary of cash receipts and expenditures, statement of the various funds, total cost and present book value of plant, statistical data pertaining to the operations of the plant and a list of unpaid bills will be found on the pages which follow.

Reference is made to the report of the Auditor for details concerning the operations for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager.

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The reports of the Manager and Auditor as submitted herewith are approved by us and constitute our report to the Town.

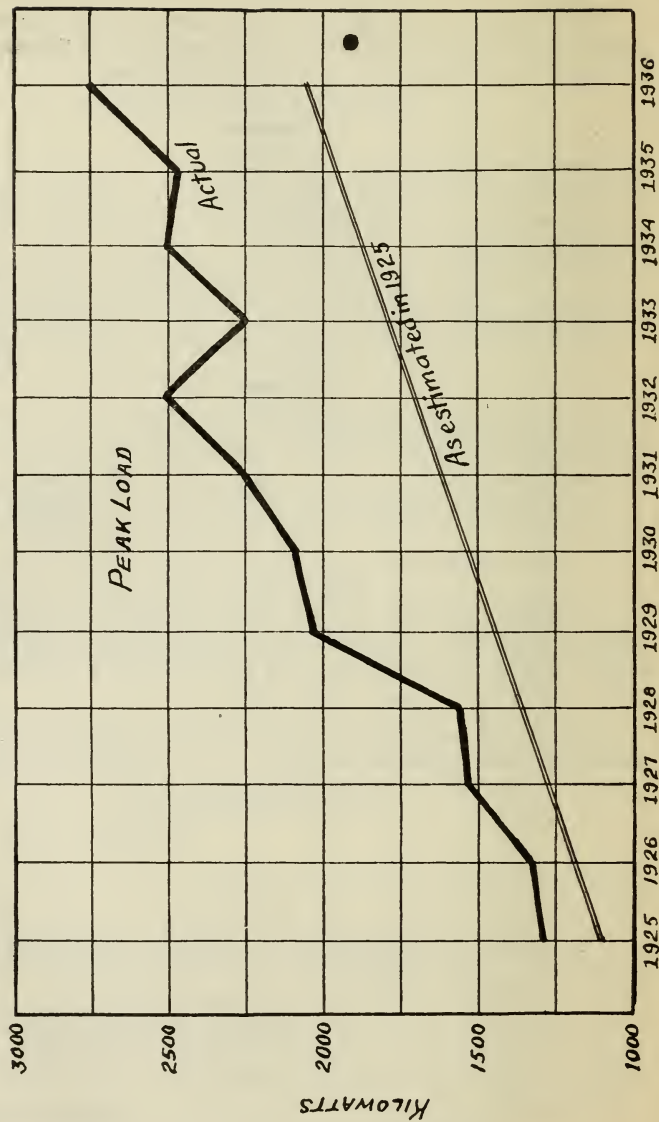
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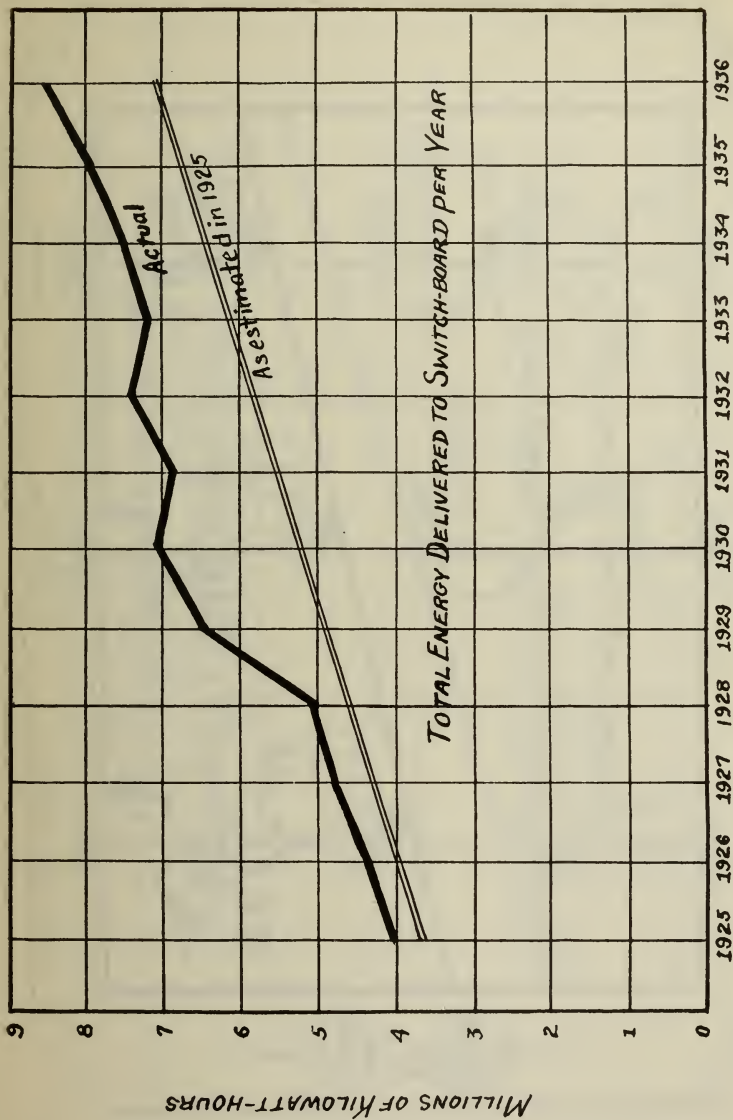
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Municipal Light Board.

# Twelve Years Growth of Plant Load and Energy Output





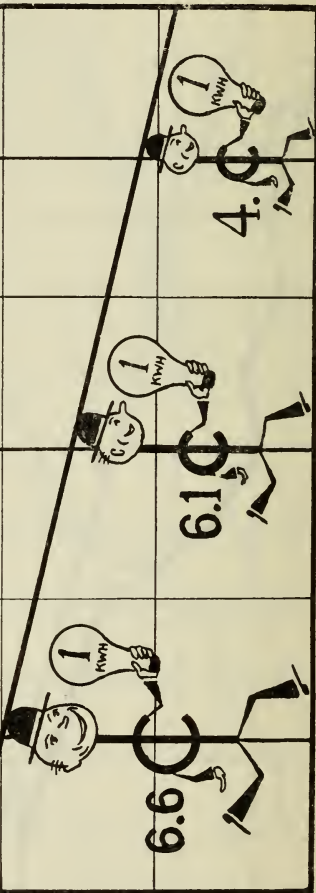
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Living costs have increased but —

## Reading Rates Have Been Repeatedly Reduced

Average  
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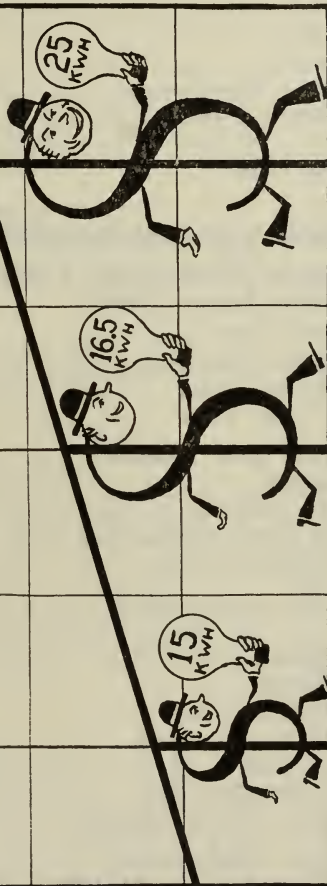
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# The U.S. gold dollar is smaller but— The Reading Electric Dollar is Larger

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—Year—

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## COMPARISON OF OPERATING COSTS 1936—1935

In Cents per Kilowatt Hour, Based on Kilowatt Hours Sold and  
Delivered to Street Lights

	1936	1935
Production .....	\$1.311	\$1.369
Distribution .....	.819	.887
Utilization .....	.156	.169
Commercial .....	.209	.209
New Business .....	.060	.045
General and Miscellaneous .....	.911	.938
Bonds, Notes and Interest.....	.181	.217
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Total Costs .....	\$3.647	\$3.834

## SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

During the Period January 1, 1936 through December 31, 1936

### Cash Balances January 1, 1936

Operation Fund .....	None
Depreciation Fund .....	None
Construction Fund .....	\$ 3,596.93
Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
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Total Cash Balances .....	\$ 3,846.93

### Cash Received:

Sale of Electricity .....	\$274,082.84
Street Light Appropriation .....	17,500.00
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	51,942.40
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Total Cash Received .....	\$343,525.24

TOTAL .....	<hr/> \$347,372.17
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### Cash Disbursed:

Operating Accounts .....	\$266,637.47
Construction Accounts .....	41,459.19
Interest Paid .....	2,632.50
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	11,000.00
Transfer to Town Treasurer .....	20,000.00
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Total Disbursements .....	\$341,729.16

### Cash Balances December 31, 1936

Operation Fund .....	None
Depreciation Fund .....	None
Construction Fund .....	\$ 5,393.01
Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
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TOTAL CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1936	<hr/> \$ 5,643.01
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**COMPARISON OF KILOWATT HOURS PURCHASED AND SOLD, ALSO IN-  
COME RECEIVED AND AVERAGE RATE FOR EACH CLASS OF SERVICE**

Kilowatt Hours Sold and Revenue						
	K. W. H.	1936 Income	Average Rate	K. W. H.	1935 Income	Aver. Rate
Residence Service ..	4,340,254	\$188,700.51	4.347	3,946,502	\$174,839.84	4.430
Commercial Miscel.	395,927	10,663.12	2.693	353,980	9,750.15	2.754
Commercial Lighting	695,574	35,531.93	5.108	620,885	32,006.91	5.155
Com. Pow.—Retail .	568,679	16,023.24	2.817	466,340	14,140.62	3.032
Com. Pow.—Whlsle.	391,950	7,484.20	1.909	354,780	6,850.72	1.931
Municipal Miscel. ..	4,928	145.11	.029	6,690	197.15	.030
Mun. Lighting .....	103,746	2,647.24	2.551	85,223	2,322.87	2.725
Mun. Power—Retail	1,818	91.14	.050	1,776	72.91	.041
Mun. Pow.—Whlsle.	329,610	6,376.29	.019	337,700	6,250.52	.019
Co-op. Resale Serv.	30,188	911.92	3.021	30,261	901.06	2.977
Street Lighting ....	593,726	32,179.50	5.419	652,257	31,868.52	4.886
Totals .....	7,456,400	\$300,754.20	4.033	6,856,394	\$279,201.27	4.072

## INCOME FROM EACH TOWN

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease
Reading .....	\$184,550.88	\$172,396.44	\$ 12,154.44
Lynnfield Center .....	19,843.48	18,699.73	1,143.75
North Reading .....	37,345.58	33,260.14	4,085.44
Wilmington .....	58,027.34	53,887.65	4,139.69
Other Districts .....	986.92	957.31	29.61
Totals .....	\$300,754.20	\$279,201.27	\$ 21,552.93

## KILOWATT HOURS SOLD IN EACH TOWN

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease
Reading .....	5,170,955	4,785,604	385,351
Lynnfield Center .....	382,177	354,437	27,740
North Reading .....	784,205	678,059	106,146
Wilmington .....	1,088,875	1,008,033	80,842
Other Districts .....	30,188	30,261	73
Totals .....	7,456,400	6,856,394	600,006

## CLASSIFICATION OF CUSTOMERS

As of December 31, 1936.

	Totals	Reading	Lynnfield Center	North Reading	Wilmington
Residence Service .....	5130	2764	430	759	1177
Commercial *Miscellaneous ....	117	54	7	20	36
Commercial Lighting .....	467	277	26	55	109
Commercial Power—Retail ....	105	59	3	14	29
Commercial Power—Wholesale	9	6	—	3	—
Municipal Miscellaneous .....	1	1	—	—	—
Municipal Lighting .....	36	36	—	—	—
Municipal Power—Retail .....	6	6	—	—	—
Municipal Power—Wholesale ..	5	5	—	—	—
Co-operative Resale Service ..	18	9	1	1	7
Private Street Lights .....	18	11	4	1	2
Public Street Lights .....	3	—	1	1	1
Totals for 1936 .....	5915	3228	472	854	1361
Totals for 1935 .....	5741	3157	459	818	1307
Increase .....	174	71	13	36	54
Decrease .....	—	—	—	—	—

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POLE ADDITIONS AND RENEWALS BY SIZES

Pole Size	Additions			Renewals		
	1936	1935	1934	1936	1935	1934
25 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 .....	52	67	44	146	78	181
35 .....	40	10	39	194	142	167
40 .....	1	—	6	23	12	20
45 .....	—	—	—	—	—	1
50 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	93	77	89	363	232	369

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POLE ADDITIONS AND RENEWALS

Additions			
	1936	1935	1934
Reading .....	39	31	45
Lynnfield Center .....	2	1	2
North Reading .....	16	10	11
Wilmington .....	36	35	31
Total Additions .....	93	77	89
Renewals			
Reading .....	133	137	145
Lynnfield Center .....	22	29	12
North Reading .....	90	29	36
Wilmington .....	118	37	176
Total Renewals .....	363	232	369
TOTAL POLES HANDLED ....	456	309	458

### NUMBER OF STREET LIGHTS BY SIZES

		Lynnfield		No. Wilming-	
	Totals	Reading	Center	Reading	ington
60 C. P. ....	1648	627	170	337	514
100 C. P. ....	15	15	—	—	—
250 C. P. ....	127	127	—	—	—
400 C. P. ....	38	38	—	—	—
600 C. P. ....	88	88	—	—	13
Totals .....	1929	895	170	337	527
Hours Burned .....	—	3990	2076	2076	2089

## PLANT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS—ELECTRIC

	Balance Jan. 1, 1936	Additions 1936	Deductions 1936	Balance Dec. 31, 1936
<b>Plant Investment:</b>				
Land .....	\$ 2,575.80	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,575.80
Structures .....	18,147.13	—	550.59	17,596.54
Structures—Garage ...	13,871.80	—	342.30	13,529.50
Boiler Plant—Equip. ..	6,979.66	—	4,181.80	2,797.86
Prime Movers & Auxil.	2,841.35	—	1,662.80	1,178.55
Turbo. Gen. Units ....	4,033.74	—	2,812.24	1,221.50
Elec. Plant—Steam ....	55,135.82	10,487.94	5,485.98	60,137.78
Trans. Sta. & Substa. Equipment .....	469.77	.94	14.56	456.15
Poles, Fixt. & Overhead Conductors .....	246,576.26	11,734.90	5,562.17	252,748.99
Underground Conduit	48,081.48	6,232.25	1,152.80	53,160.93
Underground Conduc- tors .....	41,589.32	5,906.71	1,521.61	45,974.42
Consumers' Meters ..	34,618.10	2,356.85	1,978.43	34,996.52
Consumers' Meters In- stallations .....	8,405.06	1,427.24	447.03	9,385.27
Line Transformers ....	36,744.54	2,014.94	1,821.00	36,938.48
Line Transformers In- stallations .....	4,476.58	30.00	219.72	4,286.86
Street Light Equip. ....	16,181.15	1,267.42	1,625.97	15,822.60
Consumers' Premises Equipment .....	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Plant Invest. ....</b>	<b>540,727.56</b>	<b>\$ 41,459.19</b>	<b>\$ 29,379.00</b>	<b>\$552,807.75</b>
<b>General Equipment:</b>				
Office Equipment ....	\$ 7,209.94	\$ 39.95	\$ 745.39	\$ 6,504.50
Stores Equipment .....	500.23	—	—	500.23
Transport. Equip. ....	1,800.00	5,760.77	1,171.27	6,389.50
Laboratory Equip. ....	2,451.32	15.91	404.38	2,062.85
Miscell. Equip. ....	1,126.21	—	268.77	857.44
<b>Total General Equip. ..</b>	<b>\$ 13,087.70</b>	<b>\$ 5,816.63</b>	<b>\$ 2,589.81</b>	<b>\$ 16,314.52</b>
<b>Unfinished Construction</b>	<b>\$ 2,769.13</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$ 2,769.13</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Investments ....</b>	<b>\$556,584.39</b>	<b>\$ 47,278.82</b>	<b>\$ 34,737.94</b>	<b>\$569,122.27</b>



## TOTAL COST OF PLANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1936

Cost of Land .....	\$ 2,575.80	
Cost of Structures .....	44,644.60	\$ 47,220.40
<b>Generating Plant—Steam:</b>		
Cost of Boiler Plant Equip. ....	\$ 69,696.71	
Cost of Prime Movers & Auxiliaries ....	27,713.38	
Cost of Turbo Generator Units .....	46,870.83	
Cost of Electric Plant Steam .....	77,043.06	221,323.98
<b>Transmission, Distribution and Storage:</b>		
Cost of Trans, Sta. & Substa. Equip. ....	\$ 485.24	
Cost of Poles Fixt. & Overhead Cond. ...	427,999.35	
Cost of Underground Conduits .....	57,639.77	
Cost of Underground Conductors .....	50,720.39	
Cost of Consumers' Meters .....	65,947.72	
Cost of Consumers' Meters Installations ..	14,900.98	
Cost of Line Transformers .....	60,700.14	
Cost of Line Transformers Installations ..	7,324.04	\$685,717.63
<b>Utilization Equipment:</b>		
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment .....	\$ 40,649.33	
Cost of Consumers' Premises Equipment ..	—	\$ 40,649.33
<b>Total Cost of Electric Plant as shown by Books</b>		<b>\$994,911.34</b>

## COST OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN OUTSIDE TOWNS

### North Reading

#### Total Investment December 31, 1936:

Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	\$ 86,097.40	
Consumers' Meters .....	12,932.15	
Line Transformers .....	9,253.51	
Street Lighting Equipment .....	3,163.66	\$111,446.72

### Lynnfield Center

#### Total Investment December 31, 1936:

Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	\$ 36,773.25	
Consumers' Meters .....	5,932.90	
Line Transformers .....	2,964.64	
Street Lighting Equipment .....	1,893.45	\$ 47,564.24

### Wilmington

#### Total Investment December 31, 1936:

Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	\$130,907.81	
Consumers' Meters .....	17,667.04	
Line Transformers .....	10,401.45	
Street Lighting Equipment .....	4,349.62	\$163,325.92

**Total Investment—Outside Towns** ..... **\$322,336.88**

**Total Income—Outside Towns** ..... **\$116,203.32**

## MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Line Materials .....	\$ 28,230.10
Electric Appliances — In Stock .....	15,708.89
Electric Appliances — In Consumers' Premises .....	4,828.90
Tools and Supplies .....	8,824.34
Coal .....	408.81
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Total Materials and Supplies .....	\$ 58,001.04

## CASH BALANCES AT CLOSE OF YEAR 1936

### PETTY CASH FUND

Petty Cash due Treasurer .....	\$ ... 250.00
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### OPERATION FUND

#### DEBITS

Balance at beginning of year .....	\$ None
Received from Sale of Electricity .....	274,082.84
Received from Appropriation for St. Lights ..	17,500.00
Received from Miscellaneous Items .....	51,942.40
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Total Debits .....	\$343,525.24

#### CREDITS

Expenditures for Operating .....	\$268,433.55
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	11,000.00
Town Treasurer—Transfer of Funds .....	20,000.00
Interest Paid .....	2,632.50
Amount Expended for Construction .....	6,687.18
Amount Transferred to Depreciation Fund ..	29,379.00
Amount Transferred to Construction Fund ..	5,393.01
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Total Credits .....	\$343,525.24
Balance December 31, 1936 .....	\$ None

## DEPRECIATION FUND

### DEBITS

Balance January 1, 1936 .....	\$	None
Amount Transferred from Income .....		29,379.00
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Total Debits .....		\$ 29,379.00

### CREDITS

Amount Expended for Construction Purposes .	\$29,379.00	
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Total Credits .....		\$ 29,379.00
Balance, December 31, 1936 .....		None

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## CONSTRUCTION FUND

### DEBITS

Balance January 1, 1936 .....	\$	3,596.93
Transferred from Operation Fund .....		12,080.19
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Total Debits .....		\$ 15,677.12

### CREDITS

Amount Expended for Construction Purposes	\$ 10,284.11	
Total Credits .....		\$ 10,284.11
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Balance December 31, 1936 .....		\$ 5,393.01

TABLE A

Year	Income from Sale of Electricity	Income from other Sources	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Street Lights	Appropriations from Tax Levy	Production Expense	Distribution and Utilization Expense	Miscellaneous Expense	Interest	Depreciation	Bond and Note Payments	Total Cost of Plant December 31
1910	\$25,668.87	\$ 604.88	\$10,000.00	\$ 270.00	\$13,228.57	\$3,271.76	\$4,429.32	\$2,535.75	\$3,556.00	\$4,000.00	\$135,992.62
1911	31,317.40	410.77	5,800.00	1,000.00	13,066.25	6,353.77	5,753.84	2,767.00	4,079.78	4,500.00	144,714.06
1912	37,171.93	599.07	5,000.00	5,500.00	17,546.87	5,605.41	5,605.18	3,018.21	4,143.80	7,200.00	173,091.96
1913	44,664.70	671.87	6,000.00	5,076.19	20,054.99	10,705.42	10,214.88	3,515.40	4,788.80	6,800.00	202,518.81
1914	49,799.75	791.14	4,500.00	4,132.07	19,014.03	7,784.82	8,697.05	4,453.33	6,051.08	9,000.00	233,509.58
1915	51,603.32	640.25	10,500.00	none	18,292.78	10,329.83	7,730.32	4,640.42	6,972.28	9,500.00	254,349.09
1916	61,900.01	911.69	5,000.00	none	22,261.19	13,986.22	8,316.39	4,704.99	7,597.47	10,800.00	269,898.27
1917	67,593.64	2,422.92	8,750.00	none	30,460.16	14,557.81	11,577.08	5,070.43	8,096.95	11,300.00	285,428.29
1918	78,096.09	1,537.86	11,000.00	none	41,006.13	13,572.51	11,311.54	6,882.24	8,529.85	14,800.00	348,871.08
1919	100,844.10	1,100.11	14,450.00	none	45,006.98	13,874.14	13,874.46	7,416.21	10,419.76	14,800.00	389,564.73
1920	126,152.11	1,094.66	11,000.00	none	56,187.74	17,085.95	17,142.48	7,850.70	15,507.13	18,300.00	421,048.20
1921	135,886.69	219.20	17,500.00	none	52,738.98	24,453.15	16,594.65	7,423.10	16,767.55	19,300.00	449,540.12
1922	155,505.14	675.94	15,300.00	none	55,137.36	22,473.04	21,749.07	6,807.64	17,959.59	16,800.00	477,852.76
1923	165,971.81	464.31	14,800.00	none	62,732.83	20,247.54	27,138.65	6,437.28	19,011.08	15,800.00	505,983.28
1924	177,889.16	1,373.72	12,000.00	none	61,286.63	25,898.28	32,451.22	6,174.57	20,136.30	15,800.00	530,147.28
1925	185,492.72	1,112.19	11,000.00	none	73,140.10	28,272.55	34,767.23	5,482.46	21,102.86	13,800.00	568,524.09
1926	201,956.03	3,421.99	12,000.00	none	88,478.94	29,349.46	34,513.46	5,100.14	22,637.93	12,800.00	615,915.35
1927	221,343.72	625.30	13,500.00	none	67,661.31	50,863.76	37,505.89	4,763.62	24,533.58	15,800.00	651,367.92
1928	228,414.97	585.27	13,500.00	none	67,410.22	63,361.23	44,676.08	4,062.79	25,951.68	14,800.00	682,234.74
1929	245,942.45	861.14	13,000.00	none	71,418.27	67,309.66	49,303.18	3,440.81	27,186.35	13,800.00	729,196.45
1930	266,891.46	1,995.34	12,000.00	none	79,991.86	77,764.90	48,720.62	3,148.66	29,064.82	12,800.00	767,809.12
1931	276,759.47	4,855.99	13,500.00	none	80,091.66	84,502.49	49,164.87	3,764.01	30,609.33	13,000.00	844,355.52
1932	286,622.54	6,334.73	15,960.00	none	83,281.13	71,776.97	53,993.36	3,772.50	33,671.19	15,000.00	875,155.91
1933	274,696.67	3,129.93	15,200.00	none	80,244.08	56,319.49	48,573.69	3,031.04	34,892.99	12,000.00	908,052.06
1934	264,735.32	3,553.44	13,800.00	none	86,120.77	70,772.83	48,265.75	2,906.05	36,219.05	10,000.00	935,464.20
1935	279,201.27	5,246.90	17,300.00	none	93,856.11	72,417.54	47,693.23	2,858.13	27,986.65	12,000.00	981,877.46
1936	300,754.20	5,372.95	17,500.00	none	97,784.90	72,712.50	52,864.70	2,560.41	29,379.00	11,000.00	994,911.34



Year	K. W. H. Generated	K. W. H. Purchased	K. W. H. Sold	K. W. H. Delivered to Read'g. St. Lights	K. W. H. Used at Stat'n. Stock Rm. & Appliance Rm.	K. W. H. Unaccounted for	Net Tons of Coal Used	Average Cost of Coal Per Ton	Number of Customers	Number of Street Lights	Horse Power in Motors
1910	698,597		300,861	227,100	16,269	154,367	1,748.3	3.461	738	269	116 1-2
1911	771,011		367,317	244,055	15,403	144,236	1,807.6	3.341	888	382	215
1912	919,282		481,801	242,033	13,307	182,141	2,247.8	3.741	1,078	698	242 1-4
1913	1,045,592		599,893	255,744	15,283	174,672	2,680	3.941	1,263	903	272
1914	986,476		578,709	187,590	15,283	204,894	2,496.4	3.666	1,390	993	313 7-10
1915	980,688		548,607	156,505	10,403	265,173	2,298.2	3.578	1,599	1,181	381
1916	1,231,677		751,735	170,810	13,916	295,216	2,741.7	3.934	1,805	1,225	441
1917	1,291,216		812,507	168,535	12,464	297,710	3,086.7	6.348	1,964	1,295	492
1918	1,318,546		976,121	125,820	10,573	206,032	3,348.8	7.875	2,083	1,303	672
1919	2,056,834		1,358,028	172,948	189,067	336,791	3,640	7.517	2,333	1,339	886
1920	2,297,237		1,444,960	175,704	257,999	418,574	3,615	10.352	2,617	1,363	812.5
1921	2,193,092		1,471,698	178,892	146,205	396,296	3,308.4	10.171	2,939	1,473	1,120.5
1922	2,609,076		1,583,716	183,250	276,477	565,633	3,791.5	9.00	3,234	1,481	1,197.5
1923	3,039,677	3,520	2,046,848	183,935	342,189	470,225	4,577.7	8.94	3,666	1,494	1,367.5
1924	3,572,588		2,463,602	209,738	392,281	506,967	3,379.5	6.503	4,058	1,537	1,281.8
1925	4,051,182	25,495	2,848,309	241,476	383,152	578,245	6,317.7	6.358	4,472	1,572	1,395.2
1926	3,600,580	819,787	3,071,944	249,386	366,352	732,685	5,740.2	6.488	4,786	1,602	1,429
1927	406,693	4,396,397	3,676,545	261,361	58,249	806,935	947	6.609	5,017	1,635	1,630.9
1928	none	5,097,768	3,898,620	259,482	25,625	914,041	204	6.354	5,085	1,655	1,723.5
1929	103,985	6,362,853	5,240,360	278,217	56,368	1,163,488	378	6.783	5,221	1,723	2,354.25
1930	none	7,050,708	5,355,542	298,730	52,117	979,492	150	5.75	5,380	1,758	1,592
1931	none	6,885,880	5,640,426	324,162	51,932	857,870	145.8	5.04	5,487	1,762	2,527
1932	none	7,324,775	6,292,489	422,748	57,926	971,974	129.9	4.91	5,547	1,806	2,275
1933	none	7,213,269	6,259,657	375,574	63,444	890,168	92.5	4.53	5,652	1,827	2,165
1934	none	7,516,389	6,522,197	407,660	69,229	924,963	91.5	5.75	5,626	1,864	1,907
1935	none	7,973,642	6,856,394	496,218	70,351	1,046,896	127.	6.34	5,741	1,912	1,900 Est.
1936	none	8,518,418	7,456,400	439,503	105,251	955,722	119.5	5.80	5,915	1,929	2,107 Est.



TABLE C

Production Costs Per K. W. H. Based on Total K. W. H. Delivered at  
Switchboard

Year	K W. H. Purchased	Fuel	Labor	Repairs and other Station Expenses	Total Costs
1910		.0086	.0075	.0026	.0187
1911		.0078	.0069	.0021	.0168
1912		.0091	.0071	.0027	.0189
1913		.0101	.0070	.0020	.0191
1914		.0092	.0082	.0017	.0191
1915		.0085	.0087	.0013	.0185
1916		.0087	.0071	.0022	.0180
1917		.0144	.0075	.0015	.0234
1918		.0200	.0085	.0025	.0310
1919		.0133	.0066	.0019	.0218
1920		.0162	.0071	.0009	.0242
1921		.0153	.0077	.0009	.0240
1922		.0131	.0066	.0014	.0211
1923		.0134	.0057	.0014	.0205
1924		.00979	.0055	.00166	.01695
1925		.00991	.0054	.00272	.01803
1926	.0285	.01034	.0056	.00212	.0200
1927	.01116	.01205	.00246	.00390	.01743
1928	.01227	None	.00170	.00225	.01622
1929	.01051	.01444	.00141	.00150	.01349
1930	.01106	None	.00124	.00127	.0136
1931	.01134	None	.00128	.00027	.0129
1932	.01107	None	.00119	.00027	.0125
1933	.01094	None	.00107	.00017	.0122
1934	.01120	None	.00125	.00025	.0127
1935	.01162	None	.00117	.00015	.0129
1936	.01123	None	.00113	.00025	.0126

TABLE D

## Average Cost Per K. W. H. As Defined by Chapter 164, General Laws

	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
Operating Costs:	.0397	.0483	.0362	.0586	.0467
Fixed Costs:	.0198	.0176	.0254	.0299	.0261
Total Costs:	.0595	.0659	.0616	.0885	.0728
	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
Operating Costs:	.0577	.0538	.0509	.0588	.0640
Fixed Costs:	.0249	.0274	.0213	.0259	.0330
Total Costs:	.0326	.0812	.0722	.0817	.0970
	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Operating Costs:	.0561	.0494	.0377	.0442	.0448
Fixed Costs:	.0278	.0185	.0138	.0131	.0129
Total Costs:	.0839	.0679	.0515	.0573	.0577
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Operating Costs:	.0395	.0414	.0359	.0344	.0368
Fixed Costs:	.0115	.0016	.0085	.0075	.0079
Total Costs:	.0510	.0530	.0444	.0419	.0447
	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Operating Costs:	.0332	.0295	.0315	.0320	.0307
Fixed Costs:	.0083	.0080	.0075	.0063	.0057
Total Costs:	.0415	.0375	.0390	.0383	.0364

## VOUCHER REGISTER BALANCE

DECEMBER 31, 1936

	Totals	December	November	Oct. and Previous
Altorfer Bros Co. .... \$	2.15	\$ 2.15		
Amer. Steel & Wire Co.	18.40			18.40
Anchor Mfg. Co. ....	12.00		12.00	
A. & J. M. Anderson Mfg. Co. ....	10.25	10.25		
J. Brinton Bailey .....	28.50	28.50		
Blackstone Mfg. Co. ..	4.46	.66	3.80	
Wm. Blanchard Co. ..	2.50		2.50	
Henry S. Blethen ....	28.30	28.30		
Bos. Herald-Trav. Corp.	20.18		20.18	

	Totals	December	November	Oct. and Previous
Boston Nickel Plating Co., Inc. ....	4.17		4.17	
C. Bowen, Inc. ....	1.00	.50	.50	....
George H. Buckminster Co. ....	238.37	110.56	127.81	
J. H. Burke Co. ....	.40		.40	
Burroughs Adding Mach- ine Co. ....	25.19	25.19		
Carlton Walsh Motors, Inc. ....	2.35		2.35	
M. F. Charles ....	25.23	24.60	.63	
Chase, Parker Co., Inc.	4.41	4.41		
Clapp & Leach, Inc. ..	429.27	163.19	266.08	
J. J. Costello Co. ....	8.93		8.93	
T. F. Coughlan Co. ....	3.60	2.70	.90	
Crandall Packing Co. ..	2.28	2.28		
Ralph R. Currier .....	1.40	1.40		
Davis Transformer Co.	39.44	39.44		
Dayton Pump and Mfg. Co. ....	9.40	9.40		
Decatur & Hopkins Co.	992.24	104.87	227.39	659.98
Des Roberts Elec. Sup. Co. ....	174.90		81.95	92.95
Dyer-Clark Co. ....	100.46	100.46		
Eastern Co. ....	44.62	44.62		
Edison Elec. Ill. Co. ..	29,766.38	10,431.74	9,743.53	9,591.11
Elec. Motor Serv. Co. ..	2.53		2.53	
Elec. Time Co., Inc. ..	7.42	7.42		
Electromaster Inc. ....	10.09		10.09	
Eppinger & Russell Co.	620.00			620.00
Eureka Vac. Clean. Co.	10.76		10.76	
T. C. Fife .....	17.38		17.38	
Fitzgerald Mfg. Co. ..	2.17		2.17	
Frigidaire Corp. ....	6.67	6.67		
Gallant's Electric Mo- tor Service .....	44.25	44.25		
General Cable Corp. ..	<b>30.00</b>			<b>30.00</b>
General Electric Co. ..	182.47	182.47		
G. E. Supply Corp. ..	754.18	17.92	25.87	710.39

	Totals	December	November	Oct. and Previous
Alfred E. Goodwin ....	1.00		1.00	
Don Gray .....	2.00		2.00	
Renfrew Gray .....	61.89	33.75	28.14	
Graybar Elec. Co. Inc.	2,204.54	2,016.36	88.10	100.08
Thos. Groom & Co. Inc.	3.18		3.18	
R. S. Hanks .....	12.00	6.00	6.00	
The Hardy Co. ....	<b>2.50</b>			<b>2.50</b>
C. L. Hawthaway & Son Inc. ....	71.00		71.00	
Hook and Coward ....	54.69	31.97	22.72	
Max G. Horovitz Co. ..	14.00		14.00	
Hunt-Marquardt, Inc.	136.64	12.74	66.93	56.97
Arthur J. Hurley ....	11.31	11.31		
Hygrade Sylvania Corp.	562.40	412.33	150.07	
Kay & Ess Co. ....	3.62		3.62	
Kelvinator Corp. ....	38.75	4.06	34.69	
Laing Chevrolet Co. ..	18.84	1.28	17.56	
Landers, Frary & Clark	4.37	4.37		
Edward Lappin .....	52.25	11.50	40.75	
Henry D. Leary .....	4.00	4.00		
Lib. Mu. Ins. Co. ....	1,278.86	766.26		512.60
Line Material Co. ....	96.55			96.55
Liq. Carbonic Corp. ....	3.00		3.00	
Lunt-Moss Co. ....	1.03		1.03	
Lynn Blue. and Reprod. Service .....	.44	.44		
E. F. Mahady & Co. ..	4.50		4.50	
Malden Auto Spr. Serv. Inc. ....	7.24		7.24	
A. E. Martell Co., Inc.	53.22	31.63	21.59	
Mass. Gas & Elec. Lt. Sup. Co. ....	121.81		13.50	108.31
Mathias-Hart Co. ....	82.66	12.16	70.50	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr. and Son .....	25.56	25.56		
Melchior, Armstrong, Dessau Co. ....	32.69		32.69	
H. B. McArdle .....	2.25	2.25		

	Totals	December	November	Oct. and Previous
Millhender-Afes				
Elec. Co. ....	671.49	190.19	255.05	226.25
L. E. Muran Co. ....	33.59	9.59	24.00	
N. E. Disinfect. Co. ..	3.25	3.25		
N. E. Forestry Serv.				
Inc. ....	750.20	750.20		
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.				
(Reading) ....	208.21	103.00	105.21	
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.				
(Wilmington) ....	6.05	2.85	3.20	
N. E. Tel and Tel. Co.				
(Const.) ....	205.97	183.00	22.97	
N. Wilm. Nurseries ..	30.00	30.00		
Okonite Co. ....	<del>4.00</del>			<b>4.00</b>
Petroleum Heat &				
Power Co. ....	95.04	54.73	40.31	
H. K. Potter, Inc. ....	7.24		7.24	
T. of R. Sewer Dept. ..	8.17		8.17	
Reading Chronicle ....	286.13	95.58	190.55	
Read. Upholster. Co. ..	1.00	1.00		
Robeson Roches. Corp.	2.59	2.59		
Jos. T. Ryerson & Son				
Inc. ....	5.69		5.69	
Sager Elec. Sup. Co. ..	145.05	145.05		
Samson-United Corp.	.36	.36		
Sanborn Hill Serv. Stas.	3.87			<b>3.87</b>
Simplex Wire and Cable				
Co. ....	<b>12.00</b>			<b>12.00</b>
Fred F. Smith, Inc. ....	25.75	25.75		
Strong, Carlisle &				
Hammond Co. ....	5.33	5.33		
Wm. J. Sullivan ....	2.80		2.80	
Superior Switch and Dev.				
Co. ....	327.00		200.50	126.50
Taylor Calhoun Co. ....	<b>55.00</b>		<b>55.00</b>	
Taylor Instru. Cos. ...	3.72	3.72		
The Texas Co. ....	352.69	100.46	62.44	189.79
Geo. H. Wahn Co. ....	229.12	85.73	143.39	
B. F. Waldron & Son	5.10	5.10		



	Totals	December	November	Previous Oct. and
Walker & Pratt Mfg. Co. ....	20.15	6.65	13.50	
Wetmore-Savage Div.	3,788.11	1,600.47	1,550.64	637.00
Nelson R. Whithed ..	58.53	58.53		
Oliver Whyte Co. ....	14.80		14.80	
Edwin L. Wiegand Co.	15.28	2.02	13.26	
Wilm. High Sch. Athl. Association .....	8.00	8.00		
Kellogg Mfg. Co. ....	<b>41.37</b>		1.25	<b>42.62</b>
Howe & Co. ....	16.00		16.00	
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co. ....	150.00		150.00	
Frank W. Stevens ....	7.00	7.00		
A. J. Lindemann & Hoverson .....	2.30	2.30		
Geo. W. Marshall ....	.70	.70		
Porcelier Mfg. Co. ....	.94	.94		
Spaulding Moss Co. ..	3.12	3.12		
Virginia Smelting Co. ..	<b>30.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>		
Domenick Zanni .....	25.00	25.00		
Boston and Maine R. R.	1.20	1.20		
Martin B. Hartshorn ..	1,450.14	1,450.14		
Lowell Elec. Lt. Corp.	9.61	9.61		
Railway Ex. Agen., Inc.	1.54	1.54		
Edward Atkins .....	52.42	52.42		
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	.75	.75		
Boston Evening Amer.	40.00	40.00		
Brooks' Express .....	17.45	17.45		
Chris. Sci. Pub. Soc. ..	26.25	26.25		
Francis Brothers .....	5.73	5.73		
H. J. Montgomery ....	69.00	69.00		
Atlantic Refining Co. ..	65.44	65.44		
Town of Wilm., Water Dept. ....	40.00	40.00		
Boston Transcript ....	45.00	45.00		
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	\$ 47,755.45	\$ 20,088.66	\$ 14,051.70	\$ 13,615.09

**TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
REPORT OF EXAMINATION**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1936**

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February 2, 1937

To the Municipal Light Board,  
Town of Reading,  
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen :

We have examined the books of account and financial records of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading for the year ended December 31, 1936, and submit herein our report consisting of the following exhibits, schedules, comments and explanations.

**Exhibits:**

"A"—Comparative Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1936 and 1935.

"B"—Comparative Statement of Operations for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

"C"—Comparative Statement of Profit and Loss for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

**Schedules:**

"1"—Comparative classified statement of Income for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

"2"—Comparative classified statement of Operating Expenses for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

"3"—Detail of bonds and notes authorized, issued and outstanding as at December 31, 1936.

"4"—Comparative statement of Merchandise Operations for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

"5"—Comparative detail of Kilowatt Hours Purchased, Sold, Used and Unaccounted for, for the years ended December 31, 1936 and 1935.

## COMMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### PLANT INVESTMENT—\$552,807.75.

Changes in plant investment accounts during the year may be summarized as follows:

Account	Balance January 1 1936	Net Additions	De- preciation	Balance Dec. 31, 1936
Land .....	\$ 2,575.80	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 2,575.80
Structures .....	18,147.13	.00	550.59	17,596.54
Structures—Garage and Storeroom .....	13,871.80	.00	342.30	13,529.50
Boiler Plant Equip. ..	6,979.66	.00	4,181.80	2,797.86
Prime Movers and Auxiliaries .....	2,841.35	.00	1,662.80	1,178.55
Turbo-Generator Units	4,033.74	.00	2,812.24	1,221.50
Electric Plant—Steam	55,135.82	10,487.94	5,485.98	60,137.78
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	246,576.26	11,734.90	5,562.17	252,748.99
Transformer Station and Substation Equip.	469.77	.94	14.56	456.15
Underground Conduits	48,081.48	6,232.25	1,152.80	53,160.93
Underground Conduc- tors .....	41,589.32	5,906.71	1,521.61	45,974.42
Consumers' Meters ....	34,618.10	2,356.85	1,978.43	34,996.52
Consumers' Meters In- stallation .....	8,405.06	1,427.24	447.03	9,385.27
Line Transformers ....	36,744.54	2,014.94	1,821.00	36,938.48
Transformer Install's. .	4,476.58	30.00	219.72	4,286.86
Street Lighting Equip.	16,181.15	1,267.42	1,625.97	15,822.60
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$540,727.56</b>	<b>\$ 41,459.19</b>	<b>\$ 29,379.00</b>	<b>\$552,807.75</b>

In our opinion, the additions to these accounts represent proper charges to plant investment.

Depreciation on plant investment accounts, based on 3% of the cost at the beginning of the year, exclusive of land, was charged to operations for the year. Depreciation is applied directly against the asset accounts, and accordingly the balances shown in Exhibit "A" of this report represent depreciated values.

Included in the additions to plant accounts for the year is \$9,927.56 representing the cost of completing the new switchboard and additional feeder regulators at the power station. The total cost of this installation was \$43,684.97.

Other additions to plant accounts represent additions and improvements necessary in the regular conduct of the Department and to take care of increased business.

**General Equipment—\$16,314.52**

This item represents the book value of Office, Stores, Transportation, Laboratory and Miscellaneous equipment, which values, in our opinion, are conservatively stated.

**Construction Fund—\$5,393.01**

In accordance with Article 4 acted upon at a meeting of the voters of the Town held in March 1936, the balance of the Operating Fund was transferred to the Construction Fund. The balance of the Construction Fund at December 31, 1936 was confirmed by the Town Accountant.

"Bills Approval Sheets" were examined and additions and entries in the cash book for the year were thoroughly tested.

**Petty Cash Fund—\$250.00**

Funds held in the office for the purpose of petty expenditures and making change were counted on January 28, 1937 and were in agreement with the above amount.

**Consumers' Deposit Fund—\$8,109.81**

Funds deposited by consumers to guarantee payment of bills owing this Department totaled \$8,109.81. This amount was on deposit with the Mechanics Savings Bank, verification of which was made by reference to a pass book issued by that institution.

**Notes Receivable—\$790.18**

The balance of this account, as shown by the books of account, comprised the following:

Date	Maker	Maturity	Amount	Rate Int.
November 10, 1933	Fred L. Norris	Demand	\$ 356.75	6%
June 28, 1936	George W. Davis	Due in 2 Years— monthly payments of \$5.00	433.43*	6%
		Total	\$ 790.18	

\*Represents renewal of original note dated June 28, 1932 amounting to \$404.85, to which interest of \$48.58 has been added. Payments on this note amounted to \$15.00 in 1936.

The notes, which are held in the office of the Department, were examined by us during the course of our examination.

**Accounts Receivable—Consumers—\$26,671.36**

The balance of this account represents amounts owing the Department as at December 31, 1936, on account of light and power billings to the close of the last route cycle prior to December 31. Our verifi-

cation consisted of checking the balances of the various consumers' cards, the total of which was in agreement with the control account. No direct verification was made with consumers.

Amounts deemed uncollectable totaling \$1,076.70 were charged off during the year.

#### **Accounts Receivable—Miscellaneous—\$9,379.81**

According to the books of account, the above amount was due the Department on account of sales of miscellaneous appliances, jobbing sales and rentals as at December 31, 1936. Our verification consisted of identifying the individual balances with a list of accounts furnished by the office staff, the total of which was in agreement with the above balance.

The balance outstanding December 31, 1936 may be summarized as follows:

Accounts arising from:

December 1936 billings .....	\$ 2,395.16
November 1936 billings .....	683.29
October 1936 and prior billings .....	5,473.45
Lease installments unpaid .....	827.91
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Total .....	\$ 9,379.81

Accounts totaling \$600.04 were deemed uncollectible and charged off. We did not make direct verification with the debtors.

#### **Materials and Supplies—\$58,001.04**

We were advised that an inventory of all materials and supplies was taken December 31, 1936 under the supervision of the various department heads. A summary of that inventory is shown below:

Materials and Supplies—General .....	\$ 26,884.92
Transmission and Distribution Supplies .....	110.44
Street Lighting Supplies .....	602.86
Consumers' Installation Supplies .....	198 13
Transportation Supplies .....	433.75
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Sub-total .....	\$ 28,230.10
Station Tools and Appliances .....	634.34
Distribution Tools and Appliances .....	7,142.70
Printing and Office Supplies .....	810.70
Lamps and Appliances .....	15,703.89
Coal Supply .....	408.81
Station Supplies .....	236.60
Leased Appliances (depreciated value) .....	4,828.90*
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Total .....	\$ 58,001.04



\*This account represents the depreciated original installed cost as at December 31, 1936 of electric ranges and water heaters. These appliances are leased for periods of five and seven years respectively and for which the department receives \$1.50 monthly rental for the stated lease periods. At the expiration of the lease periods and provided all installments have been paid, title passes to the consumer. Depreciation on this equipment has been taken at a rate sufficient to write off the original installed cost over the lease periods and has been applied to account No. 561-- "Rent Electric Appliances".

We are advised that most of the inventory at December 31, 1936 was priced at cost. In certain cases appraised values were used. Book values of these accounts were adjusted to conform with inventory values. All mathematical computations were checked by us.

**Prepaid Insurance—\$1,107.77**

The above balance represents the unexpired insurance premiums at December 31, 1936, as computed by us from insurance policies examined.

**Bonds Payable—\$42,500.00**

**Notes Payable—\$34,000.00**

The indebtedness of the Department on account of its bond and note liability is reflected in the above accounts. Confirmation of the above balances was received from the Town Accountant. A total of \$7,000.00 of bonds and \$4,000.00 of notes were retired during the year.

A detail of bonds and notes issued, and changes in the accounts during the year is set forth in Schedule "3" of this report.

**Accounts Payable—\$47,755.45**

The liability of the Department on account of unpaid invoices at December 31, 1936, as reflected by the records, was \$47,755.45.

Unpaid vouchers were checked against unpaid items in the voucher register. The total of unpaid items, per the voucher register, was in agreement with the control account. The above balance may be aged as follows:

December 1936 invoices .....	\$ 20,088.66
November 1936 invoices .....	14,051.70
October 1936 and prior invoices .....	13,615.09
Total .....	\$ 47,755.45

From records examined, it appeared that all invoices applicable to the year had been recorded.

**Consumers' Deposits—\$8,109.81**

As at December 31, 1936, the Department held the above amount representing deposits made by certain consumers to insure the payment of bills owing the Department. This liability is offset by a separate fund on deposit with the Mechanics Savings Bank, previously described in this report under the caption "Consumers' Deposit Fund." The total

of balances shown by the individual consumers' accounts was in agreement with the above amount. Interest is paid on deposits held by the Department six months or more at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum.

#### **Accrued Items—\$657.92**

Interest accrued on bonds and notes outstanding was computed by us.

Confirmation of the amount owing the Town Treasurer, on account of a loan to this Department for petty cash purposes, was received from the Town Accountant.

#### **Loans Repayment—\$377,400.00**

The balance of this account reflects an increase of \$11,000.00 during the year which represents the amount of bonds and notes retired during 1936. The above balance may be summarized as follows:

	Total Issued	Balance Outstanding 12-31-36	Total Retired
Bonds .....	\$322,500.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$280,000.00
Notes .....	131,400.00	34,000.00	97,400.00
Totals .....	\$453,900.00	\$ 76,500.00	\$377,400.00

See Schedule "3" of this report for further detail of above.

#### **Appropriation for Construction Repayment—\$30,678.26**

This account represents amounts appropriated by the Town from tax levy for the benefit of this Department and which have been fully repaid to the Town by the Department.

#### **Profit and Loss—\$137,723.81**

The increase in the profit and loss account amounted to \$9,119.53 during the year. A detail of this increase is set forth in Exhibit "C" of this report.

The net income of the Department for the year was \$40,079.74 before bond and note retirement, payment to the Town Treasurer and miscellaneous adjustments. A detail of net income is shown in Exhibit "B."

### **COMMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS OF OPERATIONS**

A summary of the increase in net operating income for the year 1936 over 1935 is given below:

Items	Increase Decrease*
Total Operating Revenue .....	\$ 21,553.72
Total Operating Expenses .....	10,257.81
Net Operating Revenue .....	\$ 11,295.91

	Increase Decrease*
Deductions from Operating Revenue .....	442.77
Net Operating Income .....	\$ 10,853.14
Non-Operating Income .....	43.73
Total Income .....	\$ 10,896.87
Deductions from Total Income .....	40.16*
Net Income .....	\$ 10,937.03

The increase in total operating revenues for the year is mainly attributable to increased sales of kilowatt hours for "Residence Lighting," "Commercial Lighting," "Commercial Heating," and "Commercial Power."

According to the records, kilowatt hours sold in 1936 for these classes of income exceeded the sales for 1935 by 649,897, resulting in an increase in revenue from these sources of \$20,814.76.

Kilowatt hours sold during 1936 totaled 7,456,400 as compared with 6,852,795 for 1935. The average revenue per kilowatt hour sold in 1936 was .0403 as compared with .0407 for 1935.

A comparative tabulation of kilowatt hours purchased, sold, used and unaccounted for as shown by the records of the Department is set forth in Schedule "5" of this report.

We have made a series of tests of the operating accounts for the year in order to satisfy ourselves of the general accuracy of same.

#### Other Comments

At a meeting of the voters of the Town held in March 1935, it was voted among other things, that, if the income of this Department, including the appropriation for street lighting, shall exceed the expenses, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, for the current year, \$20,000.00 of such excess shall be transferred to the general funds of the Town and the balance shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of the Department and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board. The excess of income over expenses for 1936, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws amounted to \$29,119.53.

The Department turned over \$20,000.00 to the Town Treasurer in accordance with the above vote.

A contingent liability in the amount of \$15,682.56 existed at December 31, 1936, on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Malden Morris Plan and the First National Bank of Reading.

The Department carries a blanket policy bonding all employees of the Department in the amount of \$2,500.00 each. Additional coverage is carried as follows:

Manager .....	\$ 2,500.00
Office Manager .....	2,500.00
Cashiers (2) .....	2,500.00 each
Collectors (2) .....	500.00

The following exhibits and schedules have been prepared on the basis of and are subject to the comments as hereinbefore stated.

For your convenience, these exhibits and schedules are set up in accordance with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY.

### EXHIBIT "A"

## TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

AS AT

December 31, 1936 and 1935

### ASSETS

Plant Investment:	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
111 Land .....	\$ 2,575.80	\$ 2,575.80	\$ .00
113 Structures .....	31,126.04	32,018.93	892.89*
114 Boiler Plant Equipment ..	2,797.86	6,979.66	4,181.80*
115 Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	1,178.55	2,841.35	1,662.80*
116 Turbo-generator Units ....	1,221.50	4,033.74	2,812.24*
117 Electric Plant—Steam ....	60,137.78	55,135.82	5,001.96
123 Transformer Station & Sub- station Equipment .....	456.15	469.77	13.62*
125 Poles, Fixtures and Over- head Conductors .....	252,748.99	246,576.26	6,172.73
126 Underground Conduits ...	53,160.93	48,081.48	5,079.45
127 Underground Conductors .	45,974.42	41,589.32	4,385.10
128 Consumers' Meters .....	34,996.52	34,618.10	378.42
129 Consumers' Meter Install's	9,385.27	8,405.06	980.21
130 Line Transformers .....	36,938.48	36,744.54	193.94
131 Transformer Installations ..	4,286.86	4,476.58	189.72*
132 Street Lighting Equipment	15,822.60	16,181.15	358.55*
<b>TOTAL PLANT EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$552,807.75</b>	<b>\$540,727.56</b>	<b>\$ 12,080.19</b>

## ASSETS

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>General Equipment:</b>			
150 Office .....	\$ 6,504.50	\$ 7,209.94	\$ 705.44*
152 Stores .....	500.23	500.23	.00
153 Transportation .....	6,389.50	1,800.00	4,589.50
154 Laboratory .....	2,062.85	2,451.32	388.47*
155 Miscellaneous .....	857.44	1,126.21	268.77*
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 16,314.52</b>	<b>\$ 13,087.70</b>	<b>\$ 3,226.82</b>
201 Unfinished Construction ...	\$ .00	\$ 2,769.13	\$ 2,769.13*
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b> .....	<b>\$569,122.27</b>	<b>\$556,584.39</b>	<b>\$ 12,537.88</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
204-2 Construction Fund .....	\$ 5,393.01	\$ 3,596.93	\$ 1,796.08
204-3 Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00	250.00	.00
205-1 Depreciation Fund .....	.00	.00	.00
205-2 Consumers' Deposit Fund	8,109.81	7,518.81	591.00
206 Notes Receivable .....	790.18	805.18	15.00*
207-1 Accounts Rec., Consumers	26,671.36	23,771.32	2,900.04
207-2 Accts. Rec. Miscell. ....	9,379.81	8,119.99	1,259.82
209-1 Materials and Supplies—			
General .....	28,230.10	29,768.78	1,538.68*
2 Sta. Tools and Applian's.	634.34	585.88	48.46
3 Distribution Tools and			
Appliances .....	7,142.70	6,437.17	705.53
4 Print. and Office Supplies	810.70	622.12	188.58
5 Lamps and Appliances ..	15,708.89	20,146.05	4,437.16*
5A Leased Appliances (De-			
preciated) .....	4,828.90	6,750.55	1,921.65*
6 Coal Supplies .....	408.81	20.88	387.93
9 Station Supplies .....	236.60	350.64	114.04*
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> ..	<b>\$108,595.21</b>	<b>\$108,744.30</b>	<b>\$ 149.09*</b>
<b>Prepaid Items:</b>			
214 Prepaid Insurance .....	\$ 1,107.77	\$ 1,186.93	\$ 79.16*
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$678,825.25</b>	<b>\$666,515.62</b>	<b>\$ 12,309.63</b>



## LIABILITIES AND PROFIT AND LOSS

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>Bonds and Notes Payable:</b>			
305 Bonds Payable .....	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 7,000.00*
306 Notes Payable .....	34,000.00	38,000.00	4,000.00*
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TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE .....	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 11,000.00*
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<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
308 Accounts Payable .....	\$ 47,755.45	\$ 44,952.97	\$ 2,802.48
309 Consumers' Deposits .....	8,109.81	7,518.81	591.00
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 55,865.26	\$ 52,471.78	\$ 3,393.48
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<b>Accrued Items</b>			
314 Interest Accrued on Bonds and Notes .....	\$ 407.92	\$ 480.01	\$ 72.09*
315 Other Accrued Items—Loan due Town Treasurer .....	250.00	250.00	.00
316 Premium on Bonds .....	.00	131.29	131.29*
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TOTAL ACCRUED ITEMS ....	\$ 657.92	\$ 861.30	\$ 203.38*
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<b>Appropriated Surplus:</b>			
322 Loans Repayment .....	\$377,400.00	\$366,400.00	\$ 11,000.00
323 Appropriation for Construc- tion Repayment .....	30,678.26	30,678.26	.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATED SURP.	\$408,078.26	\$397,078.26	\$ 11,000.00
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<b>Profit and Loss:</b>			
400 Profit and Loss Balance (See Exhibit "C") .....	\$137,723.81	\$128,604.28	\$ 9,119.53
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GRAND TOTALS .....	\$678,825.25	\$666,515.62	\$ 12,309.63

# EXHIBIT "B"

## TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1936 AND 1935

### Revenue from Sales—Electric Energy:

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*	Ratios 1936 1935
501 Metered Sales—Residence Lighting .....	\$188,700.51	\$174,839.84	\$ 13,860.67	62.7 62.5
Metered Sales—Commercial Lighting .....	35,531.93	32,006.91	3,525.02	11.9 11.5
Metered Sales—Commercial Heating .....	10,663.12	9,750.15	912.97	3.5 3.5
Metered Sales—Wholesale Power .....	7,484.20	6,850.72	633.48	2.5 2.5
Metered Sales—Retail Power .....	16,023.24	14,140.62	1,882.62	5.3 5.1
505 Sales to Other Companies .....	986.92	957.31	29.61	.3 .3
Street Lighting .....	32,104.50	31,812.27	292.23	10.6 11.4
Municipal Building—Light and Power .....	9,259.78	8,843.45	416.33	3.1 3.1

TOTAL REV. FROM SALES — ELEC. ENERGY	\$300,754.20	\$279,201.27	\$ 21,552.93	99.9	99.9
508 Rent from Property Used in Operations .....	334.99	334.20	.79	.1	.1

### TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE .....

### Electric Operating Expenses:

I Production .....	\$ 97,784.90	\$ 93,856.11	\$ 3,928.79	32.5	33.6
II Transmission and Distribution .....	61,069.99	60,823.41	246.58	20.3	21.8
III Utilization .....	11,642.51	11,594.13	48.38	3.9	4.1
IV Commercial .....	15,597.75	14,362.43	1,235.32	5.2	5.1
V New Business .....	4,472.15	3,101.65	1,370.50	1.5	1.1
VI General and Miscellaneous .....	56,396.71	52,968.47	3,428.24	18.7	19.0

### TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES .....

	\$246,964.01	\$236,706.20	\$ 10,257.81	82.1	84.7
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### NET OPERATING REVENUE .....

	\$ 54,125.18	\$ 42,829.27	\$ 11,295.91	17.9	15.3
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**Deductions:**

550 Uncollectible Operating Revenue .....	\$ 1,676.74	\$ 1,713.47	\$ 36.73*
551 Taxes Assignable to Electric Operations .....	3,864.00	3,384.50	479.50
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS .....	\$ 5,540.74	\$ 5,097.97	\$ 442.77
NET OPERATING INCOME .....	\$ 48,584.44	\$ 37,731.30	\$ 10,853.14

**Non-Operating Income:**

563 Interest Income .....	\$ .00	\$ 85.78	\$ 85.78*
566 Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income .....	524.13	394.62	129.51
TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME .....	\$ 524.13	\$ 480.40	\$ 43.73
TOTAL INCOME .....	\$ 49,108.57	\$ 38,211.70	\$ 10,896.87

**Deductions from Total Income:**

560 Merchandise and Jobbing Loss .....	\$ 5,158.23	\$ 5,063.27	\$ 94.96
561 Rent Electric Appliances .....	1,306.02	1,147.59	158.43
576 Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	2,560.41	2,858.13	297.72*
563 Interest Expense .....	4.17	.00	4.17
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME .....	\$ 9,028.83	\$ 9,068.99	\$ 40.16*

NET INCOME TRANSFERRED TO PROFIT AND  
LOSS EXHIBIT "C"

\$ 40,079.74	\$ 29,142.71	\$ 10,937.03
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**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PROFIT AND LOSS**

For the Years Ended December 31, 1936 and 1935

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
Balance—Beginning of Year .....	\$128,604.28	\$131,638.57	\$ 3,034.29*
<b>Additions:</b>			
Net Income.—Transferred from Statement of Operations — Exhibit "B" .....	40,079.74	29,142.71	10,937.03
Premium on Bonds .....	131.29	.00	131.29
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	\$168,815.31	\$160,781.28	\$ 8,034.03
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<b>Deductions:</b>			
Bonds and Notes Retired ....	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00*
Funds Turned Over to Town Treasurer in Accordance with votes of the Town .....	20,000.00	20,000.00	.00
Allowances for Rentals Paid in Prior Years on Purchase of Electric Ranges .....	91.50	177.00	85.50*
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 31,091.50	\$ 32,177.00	\$ 1,085.50*
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Balance—End of Year .....	\$137,723.81	\$128,604.28	\$ 9,119.53
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(See Exhibit "A")			
Net Increase or Decrease* in Profit and Loss for Year .....	\$ 9,119.53	\$ 3,034.29*	

**SCHEDULE "1"**  
**TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF INCOME**

For the Years Ended December 31, 1936 and 1935

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>Metered Sales—Residence Lighting:</b>			
Reading .....	\$109,466.35	\$101,929.52	\$ 7,536.83
Lynnfield .....	15,489.61	14,380.64	1,108.97
North Reading .....	23,853.77	21,319.73	2,534.04
Wilmington .....	39,890.78	37,209.95	2,680.83
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Total Residence Lighting .	\$183,700.51	\$174,839.84	\$ 13,860.67

**Metered Sales—Commercial Lighting:**

Reading .....	\$ 22,594.12	\$ 21,436.23	\$ 1,157.89
Lynnfield .....	847.25	761.28	85.97
North Reading .....	5,586.97	4,438.09	1,148.88
Wilmington .....	6,503.59	5,371.31	1,132.28

<b>Total Commercial Lighting</b>	<b>\$ 35,531.93</b>	<b>\$ 32,006.91</b>	<b>\$ 3,525.02</b>
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**Metered Sales—Commercial Heating:**

Reading .....	\$ 7,253.50	\$ 6,373.48	\$ 880.02
Lynnfield .....	505.36	542.16	36.80*
North Reading .....	858.83	871.17	12.34*
Wilmington .....	2,045.43	1,963.34	82.09

<b>Total Commercial Heating</b>	<b>\$ 10,663.12</b>	<b>\$ 9,750.15</b>	<b>\$ 912.97</b>
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**Metered Sales—Wholesale Power:**

Reading .....	\$ 5,408.25	\$ 5,204.95	\$ 203.30
Lynnfield .....	.00	.00	.00
North Reading .....	2,075.95	1,645.77	430.18
Wilmington .....	.00	.00	.00

<b>Total Wholesale Power</b>	<b>\$ 7,484.20</b>	<b>\$ 6,850.72</b>	<b>\$ 633.48</b>
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**Metered Sales—Retail Power:**

Reading .....	\$ 13,026.63	\$ 11,287.81	\$ 1,738.82
Lynnfield .....	702.75	720.50	17.75*
North Reading .....	418.00	490.77	72.77*
Wilmington .....	1,875.86	1,641.54	234.32

<b>Total Retail Power</b>	<b>\$ 16,023.24</b>	<b>\$ 14,140.62</b>	<b>\$ 1,882.62</b>
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<b>Total Metered Light, Heat and Power Income</b>	<b>\$258,403.00</b>	<b>\$237,588.24</b>	<b>\$ 20,814.76</b>
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**Sales to Other Electric Companies:**

Wakefield .....	\$ 315.12	\$ 277.93	\$ 37.19
Lowell .....	80.08	42.83	37.25
Lawrence .....	516.76	578.07	61.31*
Peabody .....	9.00	9.00	.00
Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston .....	65.96	49.48	16.48

<b>Total Sales to Other Co's.</b>	<b>\$ 986.92</b>	<b>\$ 957.31</b>	<b>\$ 29.61</b>
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**Municipal Revenue:****Street Lighting:**

Reading .....	\$ 17,542.25	\$ 17,321.00	\$ 221.25
Lynnfield .....	2,298.51	2,295.15	3.36
North Reading .....	4,552.06	4,494.61	57.45
Wilmington .....	7,711.68	7,701.51	10.17

<b>Total Street Lighting Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 32,104.50</b>	<b>\$ 31,812.27</b>	<b>\$ 292.23</b>
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**Buildings:**

Lighting and Heat .....	\$ 2,792.35	\$ 2,520.02	\$ 272.33
Power—Retail and Wholesale	6,467.43	6,323.43	144.00

<b>Total Income—Mun. Bldgs.</b>	<b>\$ 9,259.78</b>	<b>\$ 8,843.45</b>	<b>\$ 416.33</b>
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**Total Income from Sales—**

<b>Electric Energy .....</b>	<b>\$300,754.20</b>	<b>\$279,201.27</b>	<b>\$ 21,552.93</b>
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(See Exhibit "B")

**SCHEDULE "2"**

**TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
COMPARATIVE CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF OPERATING  
EXPENSES**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 1936 and 1935**

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>I Production Expenses:</b>			
607 Water for Steam .....	\$ 31.05	\$ 35.41	\$ 4.36*
609 Station Supplies .....	860.80	981.48	120.68*
611 Maint. of Sta. Structures .	377.17	137.31	239.86
612 Maint. of Boiler Plant Equipment .....	101.53	51.16	50.37
614 Maint. of Turbo Gen. Units	7.50	11.50	4.00*
615 Maint. of Elec. Gen. Equip.	158.03	.00	158.03
616 Maint. of Accessory Elec. Equipment .....	576.13	11.90	564.23
617 Maint. of Miscel. Pow. Plant Equipment .....	17.34	.00	17.34
634 Elec. Energy Purchased ..	95,655.35	92,627.35	3,028.00
<b>Total Production Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 97,784.90</b>	<b>\$ 93,856.11</b>	<b>\$ 3,928.79</b>

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>II Transmission and Distribution Expenses:</b>			
636 Transformer Station and Sub-station Superintendence and Labor .....	\$ 9,642.44	\$ 9,370.64	\$ 271.80
637 Transformer Station and Sub-station Supplies and Ex- pense .....	7,386.47	6,910.77	475.70
638 Operation of Transmission and Distribution Lines ....	20,373.13	21,328.31	955.18*
638-2 Operation of Transmission and Distribution Lines (Highway Construction) ...	8.70	.00	8.70
639 Transmission and Distribut. Supplies and Expense .....	1,326.90	812.90	514.00
640 Inspect. and Testing Meters	1,510.88	1,482.41	28.47
641 Removing and Resetting Meters .....	2,861.08	2,445.59	415.49
642 Removing and Resetting Transformers .....	335.80	352.39	16.59*
646 Maint. of Transformer Sta. and Sub. Station Equip. ..	11.52	.00	11.52
647 Maint. of Transmission and Distribution Lines .....	16,135.23	17,240.24	1,105.01*
647-1 Maint. of Transmission and Distrib. Lines (Renewals) ..	442.86	.00	442.86
647-2 Maint. of Transmission and Distrib. Lines (Highway Construction) .....	391.55	.00	391.55
648 Maint. of Underground Conduits .....	9.09	5.91	3.18
649 Maint. of Underground Con- ductors .....	36.54	94.46	57.92*
650 Maint. of Consumers' Meters	301.96	470.06	168.10*
651 Maint. of Transformers ....	295.84	309.73	13.89*
<b>Total Transmission and Distributions Expenses .</b>	<b>\$ 61,069.99</b>	<b>\$ 60,823.41</b>	<b>\$ 246.58</b>

### III Utilizations Expenses:

654 Operation of Municipal St. Lamps .....	\$ 4,045.68	\$ 3,648.16	\$ 397.52
657 Maint. of Municipal Street Lamps .....	986.70	1,095.83	109.13*

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
659 Maint. of Consumers' In- stallations .....	6,610.13	6,850.14	240.01*
<b>Total Utilizations Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,642.51</b>	<b>\$ 11,594.13</b>	<b>\$ 48.38</b>
<b>Total Production, Trans- mission and Distribution and Utilization Expenses</b>	<b>\$170,497.40</b>	<b>\$ 166,273.65</b>	<b>\$ 4,223.75</b>
<b>IV Commercial Expenses:</b>			
660 Commercial Salaries .....	\$ 11,459.04	\$ 10,635.75	\$ 823.29
661 Commercial Supplies and Expenses .....	4,138.71	3,726.68	412.03
<b>Total Commercial Exps. ..</b>	<b>\$ 15,597.75</b>	<b>\$ 14,362.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,235.32</b>
<b>V New Business Expenses:</b>			
662 New Business Salaries ...	\$ 190.82	\$ 130.92	\$ 59.90
663 New Business Supplies and Expenses .....	1.75	69.99	68.24*
664 Advertising .....	4,279.58	2,900.74	1,378.84
<b>Total New Business Exps.</b>	<b>\$ 4,472.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,101.65</b>	<b>\$ 1,370.50</b>
<b>VI Miscellaneous and General Expenses:</b>			
666 Salary of Manager .....	\$ 5,930.60	\$ 5,267.60	\$ 663.00
667 Salaries of General Office Clerks .....	6,531.09	6,077.35	453.74
668 General Office Supplies and Expenses .....	2,140.68	2,082.12	58.56
669 General Office Rents .....	1,145.30	1,009.27	136.03
671 Insurance .....	2,674.31	2,043.37	630.94
673 Accidents and Damages ..	61.90	22.92	38.98
674 Stores Expense .....	3,318.12	3,254.78	63.34
675 Transportation Expense ...	2,907.88	2,180.09	727.79
676 Inventory Adjustments ...	1,491.98	1,556.80	64.82*
677 Maint. of Gen. Structures .	113.34	866.73	753.39*
678 Depreciation .....	29,379.00	27,986.65	1,392.35
679 Miscel. General Expense ..	702.51	620.79	81.72
<b>Total Miscellaneous and General Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 56,396.71</b>	<b>\$ 52,968.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,428.24</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$246,964.01</b>	<b>\$236,706.20</b>	<b>\$ 10,257.81</b>

SCHEDULE "3"

TOWN OF READING — MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED, ISSUED AND  
OUTSTANDING AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1936

BONDS:

No. Of Issue	Date Authorized	Date Issued	Amount Of Original Issue	Rate of		Interest Payable	Amount		Balance	
				Payments of Principal	Int.		Retired to	Retired	Out- Standing	Accrued Interest
							Jan. 1, 1936	During '36	Decem. '36	Decem. 1936
1	August 1894	10- 1-1894	\$ 50,000.00	1,000. yearly	10 Yrs. 4 %	April 1-October 1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
				2,000. yearly	20 Yrs.					
2	May 1907	10- 1-1907	26,000.00	1,000. yearly	26 Yrs. 4½	April 1-October 1	26,000.00	.00	.00	.00
3	June 1911	7-15-1911	20,000.00	2,000. yearly	10 Yrs. 4	January 15-July 15	20,000.00	.00	.00	.00
4	August 1913	10-15-1913	23,500.00	1,500. yearly	9 Yrs. 4½	April 15-October 15	23,500.00	.00	.00	.00
				1,000. yearly	10 Yrs.					
5	Sept. 1914	9-15-1914	8,000.00	500. yearly	16 Yrs. 4½	March 15-Sept. 15	8,000.00	.00	.00	.00
6	March 1916	5-15-1916	10,000.00	500. yearly	20 Yrs. 4	November 15-May 15	9,500.00	500.00	.00	.00
7	March 1917	10- 1-1917	55,000.00	3,000. yearly	18 Yrs. 4½	April 1-October 1	54,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00
				1,000. yearly	1 Yr.					
8	October 1918	1- 1-1919	12,000.00	1,000. yearly	4 Yrs. 4½	January 1-July 1	10,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	33.75
				500. yearly	16 Yrs.					
9	March 1919	4- 1-1919	20,000.00	1,000. yearly	20 Yrs. 4¾	October 1-April 1	16,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	35.63
10	March 1920	5- 1-1920	20,000.00	1,000. yearly	20 Yrs. 5	November 1, May 1	15,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	33.33
11	Dec. 1923	12- 1-1923	10,000.00	1,000. yearly	10 Yrs. 4½	June 1-December 1	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00
12	March 1926	8- 1-1926	13,000.00	3,000. yearly	1 Yr. 4	February 1-August 1	13,000.00	.00	.00	.00
				2,000. yearly	5 Yrs.					
13	March 1930	6- 1-1930	15,000.00	2,000. yearly	5 Yrs. 4	June 1-December 1	10,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	13.33
				1,000. yearly	5 Yrs.					
14	March 1931	4-15-1931	40,000.00	2,000. yearly	20 Yrs. 3½	October 15-April 15	8,000.00	2,000.00	30,000.00	218.75
Total Bonds			<u>\$322,500.00</u>				<u>\$273,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$42,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 334.79</u>

# SCHEDULE "3" Continued

## NOTES:

No. Of Date Issue Authorized	Date Issued	Amount Of Original Issue	Rate of		Interest Payable	Amount Retired to Jan. 1, 1936	Balance	
			Payments of Principal	Int.			Amount Standing Retired Decem.	Out- Accrued Interest Decem.
1	March 1895	5- 1-1896	\$ 7,000.00	1,400. yearly	5 Yrs. 4 %	November 1-May 1	\$ 7,000.00	\$ .00
2	March 1896	5- 1-1896	7,000.00	1,400. yearly	5 Yrs. 4	November 1-May 1	7,000.00	.00
3	Dec. 1896	12- 9-1896	1,500.00	1,500. yearly	1 Yr. 4	June 9-December 9	1,500.00	.00
4	March 1898	7-15-1898	3,000.00	1,000. July 15, 1901	3¾	January 15-July 15	3,000.00	.00
			2,000. July 15, 1904					
5	March 1903	12- 7-1903	1,400.00	1,400. December 7, 1906	4	June 7-December 7	1,400.00	.00
6	March 1909	11-15-1909	2,500.00	1,000. Nov. 15, 1910	4	May 15-November 15	2,500.00	.00
			1,500. Nov. 15, 1911					
7	Nov. 1909	1-21-1910	1,800.00	1,800. January 3, 1913	4	July 21-January 21	1,800.00	.00
8	January 1910	3-27-1910	12,000.00	1,000. yearly	12 Yrs. 4	Sept. 27-March 27	12,000.00	.00
9	June 1911	7- 2-1911	2,200.00	2,200. July 12, 1912	4	January 12-July 12	2,200.00	.00
10	March 1913	4-16-1913	13,500.00	1,500. Yearly	9 Yrs. 4¼	October 16-April 16	13,500.00	.00
11	March 1915	5-15-1915	12,000.00	800. Yearly	15 Yrs. 4	November 15-May 15	12,000.00	.00
12	March 1915	7-15-1915	4,000.00	500. Yearly	8 Yrs. 4	January 15-July 15	4,000.00	.00
13	March 1917	9-22-1917	6,500.00	500. Yearly	13 Yrs. 5	March 22-Sept. 22	6,500.00	.00
14	Nov. 1919	11-20-1919	3,000.00	1,500. Yearly	2 Yrs. 5	May 20-November 20	3,000.00	.00
15	March 1921	7- 1-1921	7,000.00	1,000. Yearly	7 Yrs. 6	January 1-July 1	7,000.00	.00
16	Dec. 1922	12-15-1922	7,000.00	1,000. Yearly	7 Yrs. 4½	June 15-December 15	7,000.00	.00
17	March 1934	5-15-1934	20,000.00	2,000. Yearly	10 Yrs. 3	May 15-November 15	2,000.00	60.00
18	March 1935	6-15-1935	20,000.00	2,000. Yearly	10 Yrs. 1¾	June 15-December 15	2,000.00	13.13
Total Notes		\$131,400.00					\$93,400.00	\$ 73.13
Total Bonds and Notes.							\$366,400.00	\$ 407.92



# SCHEDULE "4"

## TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MERCHANDISE OPERATIONS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1933 and 1935

	1936	1935
GROSS SALES .....	\$ 37,048.92	\$ 39,694.64
Less—Returned Sales	2,050.74	1,817.74
NET SALES ....	\$ 34,998.18	\$ 37,876.90
COST OF SALES ....	24,231.69	25,926.79
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES .....	\$ 10,766.49	\$ 11,950.11
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,278.97	\$ 7,053.34
Commissions .....	2,055.35	2,021.21
Free Wiring on In- stallations .....	2,690.20	3,743.07
Rent .....	1,145.30	1,009.27
Disc. on Loans ..	2,437.43	2,787.32
Heating, (one half)	165.17	165.79
Automobile Exp. ..	123.50	135.50
Express .....	18.50	14.35
Store Expense ....	79.66	58.57
Miscell. Exp. ....	3.96	4.87
TOTAL EX- PENSES ..	\$ 15,998.04	\$ 16,994.29
NET LOSS FROM MERCHAN- DISE OPERA- TIONS .....	\$ 5,231.55	\$ 5,044.18
NET GAIN OR LOSS* FROM JOBGING OP- ERATIONS ....	73.32	19.09*
NET LOSS FROM MERCHANDISE AND JOBBING ..	\$5,158.23	\$ 5,063.27

# SCHEDULE "5"

## TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE DETAIL OF KILOWATT HOURS PURCHASED, SOLD AND USED

For the Years Ended December 31, 1936 and 1935

	1936	1935	Increase Decrease*
<b>Kilowatt Hours:</b>			
Generated .....	00	00	00
Purchased .....	8,518,418	7,973,642	544,776
Total .....	8,518,418	7,973,642	544,776
<b>Kilowatt Hours Sold:</b>			
Residence Service .....	4,340,254	3,946,502	393,752
Commercial Lighting .....	695,574	620,885	74,689
Commercial Miscellaneous ...	395,927	353,980	41,947
Commercial Power—Retail ..	568,679	466,340	102,339
Commercial Power—Wholesale	391,950	354,780	37,170
Municipal Lighting .....	103,746	85,223	18,523
Municipal Miscellaneous .....	4,928	6,690	1,762*
Municipal Power—Wholesale .	329,610	337,700	8,090*
Municipal Power—Retail ....	1,818	1,776	42
Co-operative Re-sale Service	30,188	30,262	74*
Street Lighting .....	593,726	648,657	54,931*
TOTAL KILOWATT HOURS SOLD .....	7,456,400	6,852,795	603,605
Kilowatt Hours Used at Sta- tion, Office and Garage and Miscellaneous .....	90,210	63,442	26,768
Kilowatt Hours Used for Christmas Illumination ....	15,041	6,909	8,132
Kilowatt Hours Unaccounted for .....	956,767	1,050,496	93,729
TOTAL .....	8,518,418	7,973,642	544,776
Per Cent Unaccounted for ..	11.22%	13.17%	

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the year Ended

December 31, 1936

# RECEIPTS 1936

## TAXES

Current Year:			
Property .....		\$369,246.03	
Poll .....		5,247.50	
Previous Years:			
Property .....		165,227.30	
Poll .....		768.50	
Old Age Assistance .....		4.00	
Tax Title Redemptions .....		29,847.65	
From the State:			
Corporation, Business ....		12,983.21	
Gas, Light and Water ....		669.57	
Income:			
Educational Measure ..	\$ 17,460.00		
Valuation Measure ....	15,035.02	32,495.02	
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Soldiers' Exemption .....		422.82	\$616,911.60

## LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Board of Selectmen :			
2nd Hand Motor Vehicle .	\$	80.00	
Taxi Cab .....		7.00	
Truck .....		10.00	
Victualers' .....		6.00	
Lord's Day .....		130.00	
Innholder .....		1.00	
Theater .....		59.00	
Auctioneer .....		12.00	
Bowling and Pool .....		20.00	
Junk .....		15.00	
Revolver .....		27.00	
Peddlers' .....		12.00	
Amusement .....		7.00	
Advertising Hearings ....		125.08	
Miscellaneous .....		4.71	515.79
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Board of Health :			
Undertakers .....		5.00	
Hairdressers .....		1.00	
Massage .....		3.00	
Physiotherapist .....		1.00	
Pasteurizing .....		20.00	
Ice Cream .....		10.00	40.00 \$ 555.79

# FINES AND FORFEITS:

Court Fines .....	\$	58.65
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# GRANTS AND GIFTS:

## From State:

Aid to Industrial Schools .	\$	935.79
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Voca. Educa. Reimburse't .		260.39
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Highways, Chap. 90 .....		4,500.00
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## From County:

Highways, Chap. 90 .....		2,000.00
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## From State:

Chap. 438, Acts 1936 .....		5,044.83
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Chap. 362, Acts 1936 .....		3,181.83
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Racing Commission .....		1,173.19
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## From County:

Dog Licenses .....		1,202.56
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Smith-Hughes Fund .....		285.95
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## Federal Funds:

W. P. A. Filtration Plant ..	29,250.00	\$ 47,834.54
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# ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE:

Tailings Account .....	\$	43.84
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# SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Moth .....	\$	585.00
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Sewer .....		428.74
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Sidewalk and Curbing .....		1,106.07
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Highway .....	1,716.24	\$ 3,836.05
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# PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax ....		\$ 18,110.12
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# DEPARTMENTAL:

## General Government:

### Financial:

Collect's Costs & Charges ..	\$	1,231.54
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### Other General Departments:

Board of Appeal .....	\$	40.00
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## Protections of Persons & Prop.:

### Police Department:

Allowances, etc. ....	\$	411.65
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### Fire Department:

Sale of Materials .....	\$	11.00
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### Fire Alarm Department:

Allowances, etc. ....	\$	490.00
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### Inspection:

Inspector of Bldgs. Fees ...	\$	386.00
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Seal'r of Wts. & Meas. Fees		84.27
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Forestry:			
Moth & Tree Wk. Bills '36		\$	738.50
Health and Sanitation:			
Health:			
City of Woburn .....	\$	231.00	
Comm. of Mass. ....		160.00	
County of Middlesex .....		149.50	
Town of Stoneham .....		80.00	
Sundry Parties .....		25.00	
Town of Wakefield .....	6.00	\$	651.50
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Inspector of Milk and Foods			33.00
Sanitation:			
Sewer Rentals .....		\$	7,806.47
Sewer Cleaning .....			6.73
Highways:			
Dept. Allowances, etc. ....		\$	796.00
Miscellaneous .....			87.50
Charities:			
Reimbursement for Relief:			
From other Cities & Towns	\$	3,080.90	
From the State .....		637.14	
Reimbursement for Mothers' Aid:			
From other Cities & Towns	\$	368.70	
From the State .....		2,885.30	
Reimbursement for O. A. A.:			
From other Cities & Towns	\$	1,111.39	
From the State .....	8,623.97	\$	16,707.40
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Federal Grants O. A. A. ....			10,123.94
Soldiers' Benefits:			
State Aid .....	\$	760.00	
Military Aid .....		490.00	
Soldiers' Burials .....	100.00	\$	1,350.00
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Schools:			
Tuition State Wards .....	\$	2,915.85	
Other Tuition .....		10,448.49	
Miscellaneous .....	91.20	\$	13,455.54
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Library:			
Fines, etc. ....		\$	502.35

Unclassified:

Midd. County Dog Damage ..	\$	571.00		
Bank Dividend .....		1,393.96		
Sale of Land .....		330.00		
Land Court .....		13.59		
Insurance Refunds .....		645.45		
Mun. Light Dept. to Town ....		20,000.00		
Division of Standards .....		32.00		
Redemption of Property .....		25.00	\$ 23,011.00	\$ 77,924.39

PUB. SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Mun. Light Department:

Sale of Light & Pow., etc. \$343,525.24

Water Department:

Sale of Water, etc. .... \$ 53,271.61

Water Liens ..... 322.58 \$397,119.43

CEMETERIES:

Sale of Lots and Graves ..... \$ 1,691.25

Care of Lots and Graves ..... 2,582.00 \$ 4,273.25

INTEREST:

On Deferred Taxes ..... \$ 7,200.78

On Deferred Spec. Assessments ..... 527.63

On Sewer Rentals ..... 67.99

On Motor Vehicle Excise .... 228.10

On Tax Title Redemption .... 2,623.80

All other ..... 18.53 \$ 10,666.83

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Antic. Revenue Loans ..... \$450,000.00

Antic. Federal Grant Loans .. 15,000.00

Antic. Reimbursement ..... 16,000.00

Tax Title Loan ..... 25,000.00 \$506,000.00

AGENCY, TRUST, & INVESTMENT:

Guarantee Deposits:

Sewer H. C. .... \$ 257.82

Spec. Drainage ..... 135.00

Cemetery Work ..... 341.00

Use of Tomb ..... 50.00

Water Conn. .... 50.00 \$ 833.82

Dog Lic. Fees from Town Clerk \$ 1,690.00

# Hospital Fund :

For transfer .....	\$ 24,500.00	
Income .....	3,826.25	
Dividend from Closed Bank .....	1,120.27	
Refund .....	10.00	29,456.52

# Cemetery Bequest Fund:

Income .....	\$ 750.00	
Bequest .....	3,040.00	
For Transfer .....	2,306.23	\$ 6,096.23

# Public Library Fund:

For Transfer .....		\$ 76.50
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# H. G. Wadlin Fund:

Bequest .....		\$ 1,725.84
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# R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:

Income .....	\$ 142.50	
Div. from Closed Bank ..	2.29	
Transfer for Scholarship ..	50.00	\$ 194.79

# Special Funds:

E. R. A. Clothing Fund ....	\$ 49.30	
Publicity Booklet .....	1,184.22	
Public Welfare Special ..	17.37	
Morrison Fund .....	72.40	
Flood Relief .....	96.11	
Baseball Fund .....	19.10	\$ 1,438.50 \$ 41,512.20

# REFUNDS:

Election and Registration ....	\$ 2.70	
Police Department .....	.95	
Care Contagious Diseases ....	123.00	
Public Welfare Adm. ....	2.71	
Aid, Board and Care .....	100.55	
Old Age Assistance .....	65.22	
Soldiers' Relief .....	76.00	
W. P. A. Projects .....	5.57	
School Dept. Maint. ....	1.64	
Highway Department .....	13.65	
Water Department .....	80.07	
Planning Board .....	3.15	\$ 475.21
Accrued Interest .....		1.44 \$ 476.65
Total Receipts .....		\$1,725,323.34
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$188,715.21
Grand Total .....		\$1,914,038.55

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 600.00
Telephone .....	\$ 161.06	
Advertising Hearings, Printing .....	242.11	
Stationery, Postage .....	90.73	
Office Equipment .....	10.90	
Advertising Reward .....	62.61	
Towel Supply .....	15.40	
All Other .....	16.20	
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	\$ 599.01	
Balance to Revenue .....	.99	
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	\$ 600.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,218.10
Payments .....	\$ 1,218.10	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,859.68
Payments .....	\$ 1,859.68	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,143.13
Payments .....	\$ 1,143.13	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Postage .....	\$ 215.01	
Fidelity Bond .....	224.00	
Telephone .....	69.32	
Certification of Notes .....	50.00	
Stationery and Supplies .....	93.12	
Safe Deposit Rent .....	20.00	
Insurance .....	95.63	
Office Equipment .....	111.95	
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	\$ 879.03	
Balance to Revenue .....	120.97	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
Payments .....	\$ 268.73	
Balance to Revenue .....	31.27	
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	\$ 300.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,153.75
Payments .....	\$ 2,153.75	

Collector's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Stationery and Postage .....	\$ 343.46	
Printing and Advertising .....	206.75	
Bond .....	448.00	
Telephone .....	55.73	
Registration of Deeds .....	169.84	
Office Equipment .....	149.15	
Towel Supply .....	7.20	
Books .....	87.90	
Insurance .....	10.00	
All Other .....	7.67	
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	\$ 1,485.70	
Balance to Revenue .....	\$ 14.30	
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	\$ 1500.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		100.00
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		\$ 600.00
Payments .....	\$ 548.21	
Balance to Revenue .....	51.79	
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	\$ 600.00	
Assessors' Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,775.63
Payments .....	\$ 1,775.63	
Assessors' Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,000.00
Assistant Assessors .....	\$ 373.50	
Telephone .....	58.44	
Stationery and Printing .....	236.03	
Street List .....	702.18	
Auto Hire and Transportation .....	173.62	
Registry of Deeds .....	41.33	
Towel Supply .....	7.20	
Postage .....	14.00	
Office Equipment .....	217.97	
Real Estate Expert .....	155.00	
All Other .....	4.83	
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	\$ 1,984.10	
Balance to Revenue .....	15.90	
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	\$ 2,000.00	



Block System Survey, Balance from 1935 ....	\$	183.27	
Appropriation .....		200.00	
	\$	383.27	
Payments .....	\$	36.00	
Balance to 1936 .....		347.27	
	\$	383.27	
Assessors' Clerical, Appropriation ..	\$	2,274.45	
Payments .....	\$	2,274.45	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation .....	\$	1,000.00	
Payments .....	\$	1,000.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation .....		300.00	
Stenographic Services .....	\$	194.60	
Telephone .....		38.37	
Recording and Court Expenses .....		8.26	
Postage, Supplies and Travel .....		49.12	
	\$	290.35	
Balance to Revenue .....		9.65	
	\$	300.00	
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation .....	\$	350.00	
Payments .....	\$	350.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation .....		600.00	
Vital Statistics .....	\$	344.75	
Stationery and Printing .....		161.70	
Copying .....		83.25	
Bond .....		10.00	
	\$	599.70	
Balance to Revenue .....		.30	
	\$	600.00	
Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation .....	\$	250.00	
Payments .....	\$	250.00	
Elect. & Registration Expenses, Appropriation .....		2,500.00	
Election Officers .....	1,486.65		
Printing and Advertising .....	468.95		
Rent of Hall .....	262.00		

Installation of Booths and Equipment ....	182.97	
All Other .....	7.80	
	\$ 2,408.37	
Less Refund .....	2.70	
	\$ 2,405.67	
Balance to Revenue .....	94.33	
	\$ 2,500.00	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Stationery and Printing .....	\$ 42.39	
Supplies and Apparatus .....	79.75	
Mass. Federation dues .....	15.00	
Blueprints, etc .....	55.66	
Revising zoning map .....	689.75	
Miscellaneous .....	5.02	
Clerical .....	80.55	
	\$ 968.12	
Less Refund .....	3.15	
	\$ 964.97	
Balance to Revenue .....	35.03	
	\$ 1,000.00	
Municipal Building Maintance, Appropriation ..		\$ 2,800.00
Janitor's Services .....	\$ 997.63	
Janitor's Supplies .....	144.12	
Fuel .....	275.39	
Light .....	449.45	
Water and Sewer .....	37.50	
Insurance .....	240.67	
Ashes Removal .....	10.13	
Furniture .....	157.55	
Repairs .....	464.44	
	\$ 2,776.88	
Balance to Revenue .....	23.12	
	\$ 2,800.00	

Miscellaneous Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,100.00
Printing Town Report .....	\$ 808.55	
Stationery and Printing .....	361.12	
Care, Lighting, Old South Clock .....	220.18	
Finance Committee Expenses .....	129.73	
Board of Appeal .....	62.75	
Inspector of Wires .....	13.45	
Inspector of Buildings .....	17.76	
Clerical Assistance .....	1,016.00	
Office Equipment .....	57.70	
Flags .....	38.51	
Travel Expenses .....	87.75	
Clearing Town Land .....	40.00	
Insurance .....	177.56	
All Other .....	39.19	
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	\$ 3,070.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	29.75	
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	\$ 3,100.00	

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department Salaries, Appropriation ....		\$ 33,795.00
Payments .....	\$ 33,654.80	
Balance to Revenue .....	140.20	
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	\$ 33,795.00	
Police Department Maintenance, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,650.00
Chief's Expenses .....	\$ 57.00	
Telephone .....	186.65	
Gas and Oil .....	654.00	
Traffic Lines .....	185.68	
Traffic Lights and Beacons .....	585.36	
Radio and Signal Repairs .....	56.20	
Printing and Stationery .....	44.94	
Rubber Coats and Boots .....	35.90	
Auto and Motorcycle Repairs and Tires ....	447.21	
Insurance .....	480.34	
Target Practice, Ammunition and Instructor	80.75	
Laundry .....	4.16	
Teletype .....	651.00	

All other .....	64.35	
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	\$ 3,533.54	
Less Refund .....	.95	
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	\$ 3,532.59	
Balance to Revenue .....	117.41	
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	\$ 3,650.00	
Police Department Auto, Appropriation .....		\$ 650.00
Payment .....	\$ 619.89	
Balance to Revenue .....	30.11	
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	\$ 650.00	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,100.00
Water and Sewer .....	\$ 50.48	
Light .....	150.13	
Fuel .....	266.55	
Janitor's Salary .....	292.27	
Janitor's Supplies .....	46.82	
Repairs .....	13.80	
Insurance .....	107.63	
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	\$ 927.68	
Balance to Revenue .....	172.32	
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	\$ 1,100.00	
Fire Department Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 18,551.39
Payments .....	\$ 18,496.72	
Balance to Revenue .....	54.67	
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	\$ 18,551.39	
Fire Dept., Call Men Salaries, Appropriation ..		\$ 3,264.00
Payments .....	\$ 3,257.93	
Balance to Revenue .....	6.07	
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	\$ 3,264.00	
Fire Department Pension .....	\$ 325.00	
Fire Department Maintenance, Appropriation ..		\$ 3,200.00
Telephone .....	\$ 120.76	
Laundry .....	219.75	
Bedding .....	183.10	
Auto Insurance .....	549.91	
Auto Equipment Repairs .....	365.03	
Other Equipment Repairs .....	192.06	

Auto Gas and Oil .....	252.79	
New Hose .....	672.00	
New Appliances .....	251.80	
Supplies .....	270.22	
Office Expenses .....	12.45	
Rubber Boots and Coats .....	39.99	
Forest Fires Expense .....	56.16	
All Other .....	13.20	
	\$ 3,199.22	
Balance to Revenue .....	.78	
	\$ 3,200.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,050.00
Central Station:		
Fuel .....	\$ 268.38	
Light .....	122.10	
Water and Sewer .....	35.28	
Insurance .....	81.66	
Repairs and Alterations .....	193.62	
Janitor's Supplies .....	93.16	
Engine 2:		
Fuel .....	187.95	
Light .....	9.68	
Water and Sewer .....	6.00	
Insurance .....	11.50	
Repairs and Alterations .....	10.99	
Janitor's Supplies .....	28.03	
	\$ 1,048.35	
Balance to Revenue .....	1.65	
	\$ 1,050.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		500.00
		\$ 2,100.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 236.84	
Pay Roll .....	613.87	
Automobile Expenses .....	83.74	
Supplies and Equipment .....	984.72	



Power .....	69.02	
Insurance .....	111.75	
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	\$ 2,099.94	
Balance to Revenue .....	.06	
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	\$ 2,100.00	
Fire Alarm Repeater, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,200.00
Payment, Contract .....	\$ 3,200.00	
Fire Alarm Auto, Appropriation .....		600.00
Payment .....	599.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	.75	
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	\$ 600.00	
Fire Alarm Boxes (3) Appropriation .....		\$ 450.00
Payments .....	\$ 450.00	
Moth Department, Appropriation .....		\$ 4,600.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 1,694.38	
Pay Rolls .....	1,443.84	
Telephone .....	29.84	
Auto Expense .....	125.97	
Rent .....	144.00	
Insurance .....	376.67	
Printing .....	60.50	
Supplies .....	684.93	
All Other .....	8.25	
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	\$ 4,568.38	
Balance to Revenue .....	31.62	
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	\$ 4,600.00	
Tree Warden, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,700.00
Tree Warden's Salary .....	\$ 400.00	
Pay Rolls .....	953.30	
Equipment and Supplies .....	103.80	
Trees .....	206.50	
All Other .....	9.07	
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	\$ 1,672.67	
Balance to Revenue .....	27.33	
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	\$ 1,700.00	

Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Payments .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation .....		100.00
Payments .....	100.00	
Inspector of Bldgs., Salary, Appropriation ....		483.78
Payments .....	483.78	
Inspector of Wires Salary, Appropriation ....		185.38
Payments .....	185.38	
Sealer of Wgts. and Meas. Sal. Appropriation .....		488.62
Payments .....	488.62	
Sealer of Wgts and Meas. Exps., Appropriation .....		200.00
Transportation of Weights .....	\$ 161.00	
Supplies .....	19.09	
Insurance .....	13.76	
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	\$ 193.85	
Balance to Revenue .....	6.15	
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	\$ 200.00	
Game Warden Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 100.00
Payment .....	\$ 100.00	
Dog Officer Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
Payments .....	300.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary, Appropriation ...		200.00
Payment .....	200.00	
HEALTH AND SANITATION:		
Board of Health Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
Payments .....	\$ 300.00	
Board of Health Expenses, Appropriation ....		250.00
Telephone .....	\$ 61.05	
Supplies .....	16.69	
Printing and Stationery .....	24.65	
Inspector Milk and Food Expense .....	32.28	
Disposing of Animals .....	54.00	
Cleaning Cesspools, etc. ....	48.00	
All Other .....	10.78	
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	\$ 247.45	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.55	
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	\$ 250.00	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary, Appropriation ..		\$ 565.25
Payments .....	\$ 565.25	
Inspector of Milk and Food, Appropriation ..		200.00
Payments .....	200.00	

Care Contagious Diseases, Appro. tax levy ..	\$ 6,500.00
Appropriation Overlay Reserve .....	2,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	100.00
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	\$ 9,100.00

No. Reading State San. ....	\$ 904.00
Lakeville State San. ....	1,137.50
Middlesex County San. ....	511.50
Mass. Memorial Hospital .....	5,275.00
Mass. General Hospital .....	43.00
Rutland San. ....	110.50
Medical Care .....	479.00
Health Inspection .....	340.75
Rabies Inoculation .....	83.00
City of Malden .....	35.00
City of Boston .....	98.96
Supplies .....	143.70
All Other .....	35.62

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\$ 9,197.53

Less Refund ..... 123.00

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\$ 9,074.53

Balance to Revenue ..... 25.47

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\$ 9,100.00

Garbage Collection, Appropriation ..... \$ 2,400.00

Payments ..... \$ 2,400.00

Dental Clinic, Appropriation ..... 500.00

Payments ..... 500.00

Child Welfare, Appropriation ..... 400.00

Payments ..... 400.00

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Salaries and Office Expenses, Appropriation .. \$ 5,500.00

Superintendent's Salary ..... \$ 3,319.93

Clerk's Salary ..... 1,180.29

Extra Hire ..... 6.27

Telephones ..... 296.61

Office Supplies ..... 310.82

Printing and Advertising ..... 88.90

Blanket—Bond ..... 100.00

Plans and Engr. Supplies ..... 80.47

Insurance ..... 63.44

Miscellaneous .....	23.68	
Auto Repairs—Supt. ....	24.28	
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	\$ 5,494.69	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.31	
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	\$ 5,500.00	
Highway Department, Appropriation .....		\$ 39,000.00
Due from State and County .....		2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		200.00
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		\$ 41,200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 14,778.98	
Repairs .....	2,548.49	
Gas and Oil .....	1,786.37	
Insurance .....	1,944.74	
Road Material .....	6,769.23	
Misc. Supplies .....	1,350.40	
New Equipment .....	7,753.86	
All Other .....	4,270.98	
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	\$ 41,203.05	
Less Refund .....	13.65	
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	\$ 41,189.40	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.60	
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	\$ 41,200.00	
Colburn Road Const., Balance from 1935 .....		\$ 1,327.12
Pay Roll .....	\$ 450.70	
All Other .....	205.19	
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	\$ 655.89	
Balance to 1937 .....	671.23	
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	\$ 1,327.12	
Winthrop Ave. Const., Balance from 1935 ....		\$ 17.94
Pay Roll .....	\$ 17.27	
Balance to Revenue .....	.67	
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	\$ 17.94	
Sidewalk Construction, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		300.00
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		\$ 2,300.00

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,713.91	
Supplies .....	583.63	
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	\$ 2,297.54	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.46	
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	\$ 2,300.00	
Snow and Ice Removal, Appropriation .....		\$ 14,300.00
Overdraft to 1937 .....		1,998.67
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		\$ 16,298.67
Pay Roll .....	\$ 9,008.29	
Sidewalk Plowing and Hauling Snow ....	2,756.47	
Equipment, Repairs and Supplies .....	1,042.55	
New Equipment .....	2,067.25	
All Other .....	1,424.11	
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	\$ 16,298.67	
Maintenance Storm Drains, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 869.12	
Supplies .....	130.86	
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	\$ 999.98	
Balance to Revenue .....	.02	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Storm Water Drainage Development, Appro. ..		\$ 3,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,426.57	
Pipe and Misc. Supplies .....	970.29	
All Other .....	101.38	
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	\$ 3,498.24	
Balance to Revenue .....	1.76	
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	\$ 3,500.00	
Fairview Ave., Lay-out and Const. Appro. ....		\$ 983.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 381.65	
Supplies .....	598.25	
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	\$ 979.90	
Balance to Revenue .....	3.10	
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	\$ 983.00	



Sunnyside Ave., Lay-out and Const., Appro. . .		\$ 1,060.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 493.48	
Supplies .....	566.05	
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	\$ 1,059.53	
Balance to Revenue .....	.47	
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	\$ 1,060.00	
Hartshorn St., Lay-out and Const., Appro. ....		\$ 2,349.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 455.21	
Supplies .....	547.70	
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	\$ 1,002.91	
Balance to 1937 .....	1,346.09	
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	\$ 2,349.00	
John St. Dump, Trans. from Reserve Fund ..		\$ 200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 200.00	
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West St. Const., Chap. 90, Appro. ....		\$ 4,000.00
Due from State and County .....		6,500.00
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		\$ 10,500.00
Pay Roll .....	3,700.99	
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	6,799.01	
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	\$ 10,500.00	
Lowell St. Const., Chap. 90, Appro. ....		\$ 3,000.00
Due from State and County .....		7,500.00
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		\$ 10,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,818.49	
Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	5,899.19	
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	9,717.68	
Balance to 1937 .....	782.32	
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	\$ 10,500.00	
Park Department, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,152.00
Transfers from Reserve Fund .....		450.00
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		\$ 3,602.00

Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,158.56	
Insurance .....	35.82	
Tools and Supplies .....	1,087.77	
New Equipment .....	686.00	
All Other .....	617.41	
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	\$ 3,585.56	
Balance to Revenue .....	16.44	
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	\$ 3,602.00	
Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const., Appro. ....		\$ 11,200.00
Payroll .....	\$ 3,377.74	
Interest on Bonds .....	3,750.00	
Insurance .....	232.27	
Auto Maint. ....	542.31	
Supplies .....	417.47	
All Other .....	106.71	
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	\$ 8,426.50	
Balance to Sewer Reserve .....	2,773.50	
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	\$ 11,200.00	
Sewer House Connections, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 314.17	
Pipe and Fittings .....	119.18	
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	\$ 433.35	
Balance to Revenue .....	566.65	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Water Department Maint. and Const., Appro. ....		\$ 54,800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		400.00
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		\$ 55,200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 15,624.89	
Bonds .....	15,000.00	
Interest on Bonds .....	2,980.00	
Insurance .....	1,512.58	
Telephone .....	59.08	
Light and Power .....	5,408.72	
New Meters and Hydrants .....	641.62	
Auto Equip. and Repairs .....	894.49	
Pipe .....	6,476.29	
Supplies and Fittings .....	4,816.92	

Fuel .....	347.23	
All other .....	1,520.28	
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	\$ 55,282.10	
Less Refund .....	\$ 80.07	
Less Adjustment .....	2.50	82.57
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	\$ 55,199.53	
Balance to Water Reserve .....	.47	
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	\$ 55,200.00	
W. P. A. Filtration Plant, Balance from 1935 ..		\$ 27,334.86
Temporary Loan .....		15,000.00
Federal Grant .....		16,250.00
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		\$ 58,584.86
Contracts .....	\$ 47,949.32	
Engineering .....	4,620.17	
Miscellaneous .....	355.28	
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	\$ 52,924.77	
Transfer for Loan payment .....	2,000.00	
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	\$ 54,924.77	
Balance to 1937 .....	3,660.09	
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	\$ 58,584.86	
Street Lighting Appropriation .....		\$ 17,500.00
Payment .....	\$ 17,500.00	
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Rent Legion Quarters, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Payments .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Memorial Day Observance, Appropriation .....		600.00
Payments .....	599.87	
Balance to Revenue .....	.13	
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	\$ 600.00	
Town Forest, Appropriation .....		\$ 75.00
Payments .....	\$ 73.62	
Balance to Revenue .....	1.38	
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	\$ 75.00	

Unpaid Bills 1935, Appropriation .....		\$	457.55
Payments .....	\$	260.53	
Balance to Revenue .....		197.02	
	\$	457.55	
Land Court Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$	600.00
Payments .....	\$	560.40	
Balance to Revenue .....		39.60	
	\$	600.00	
Land Purchase John Street, Appropriation ...		\$	2,000.00
Payments .....	\$	1,225.55	
Balance to Revenue .....		774.45	
	\$	2,000.00	
Municipal Advertising, Appropriation .....		\$	300.00
Payments .....	\$	98.20	
Balance to 1937 .....		201.80	
	\$	300.00	
Personal Injuries, Heselton, Appropriation ....		\$	55.00
Payments .....	\$	55.00	
CHARITIES:			
Public Welfare Administrative, Appropriation		\$	9,580.00
Salaries:			
Supervisory and clerical .....	\$	2,641.00	
Investigators and Visitors .....		2,051.00	
Wood yard and farm Foreman .....		1,510.00	
Visitors' Expenses .....		485.42	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....		375.48	
Printing and Postage .....		80.25	
Trucking .....		22.33	
Telephone .....		159.74	
Garden Expense .....		1,028.17	
Other Payments .....		193.79	
	\$	8,547.18	
Less Refund .....		2.71	
	\$	8,544.47	
Balance to Revenue .....		1,035.53	
	\$	9,580.00	

Welfare Department, Truck, Appropriation ..		\$ 800.00
Payment .....	\$ 794.14	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.86	
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	\$ 800.00	
General Aid, Appropriation .....		\$ 68,900.00
Cash .....	\$ 13,023.80	
Pay Roll Labor .....	4,066.75	
Board .....	4,998.84	
Shelter .....	3,566.22	
Food .....	11,875.16	
Fuel and Light .....	3,615.56	
Medical and Hospital Care .....	6,203.75	
Clothing .....	1,355.44	
Household Necessities .....	511.31	
Mass. Hospital School .....	829.64	
Div. of Child Guardianship .....	287.71	
Other Cities and Towns .....	5,944.54	
Transportation .....	209.37	
Burials .....	271.77	
Trucking .....	569.09	
Shoe Repair Expense .....	87.32	
Wood Yard Expense .....	266.33	
Fed. Commodity Dis. Expense .....	40.72	
Other Payments .....	722.87	
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	\$ 58,446.19	
Less Refunds .....	100.55	
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	\$ 58,345.64	
Transfer to Mothers' Aid Account .....	3,000.00	
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	\$ 61,345.64	
Balance to Revenue .....	7,554.36	
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	\$ 68,900.00	
Mothers' Aid, Appropriation .....		\$ 7,600.00
Transfer from General Aid Account .....		3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		581.99
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		\$ 11,181.99
Cash .....	\$ 8,618.98	
Food .....	688.82	
Rent .....	552.65	
Fuel and Light .....	432.93	



Hospital and Medical Care .....	636.16	
Clothing .....	64.75	
Household Necessities .....	25.30	
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	\$ 11,019.59	
Balance to Revenue .....	\$ 162.40	
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	\$ 11,181.99	
Old Age Assistance, Appropriation .....		\$ 27,000.00
Federal Grants .....		10,123.94
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		\$ 37,123.94
Cash and Cash Board .....	\$ 29,488.36	
Fuel and Light .....	237.39	
Medical and Hospital .....	654.85	
Household Necessities .....	166.12	
Clothing .....	5.19	
Burial Expense .....	403.00	
Board .....	20.66	
Other Cities and Towns .....	354.19	
Special Cash Allowances:		
Fuel .....	205.98	
Medical and Hospital .....	446.51	
Clothing .....	11.00	
Administrative:		
Salaries, Supt. Cler. and Inv. ....	2,014.50	
Office Supplies and Equip. ....	64.20	
Stationery and Printing .....	60.81	
Travel Exp., Investigation .....	81.18	
Postage .....	16.00	
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	\$ 34,229.94	
Less Refunds .....	65.22	
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	\$ 34,164.72	
Balance to Revenue .....	2,959.22	
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	\$ 37,123.94	
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:		
Soldiers' Relief, Appropriation .....	\$ 14,000.00	
Transfer from Military Aid .....	1,000.00	
Transfer from State Aid .....	500.00	
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	\$ 15,500.00	

Cash Payments .....	\$ 8,926.70	
Work Payroll .....	2,050.00	
Food .....	964.82	
Fuel .....	508.22	
Medical .....	1,239.21	
Burial .....	265.00	
Clothing .....	86.81	
Rent .....	551.34	
Agts. Sal. and Exp. ....	583.42	
Office Furniture .....	58.00	
Miscellaneous .....	62.35	
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	\$ 15,295.87	
Less Refunds .....	76.00	
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	\$ 15,219.87	
Balance to Revenue .....	280.13	
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	\$ 15,500.00	
Military Aid, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Payments, Cash .....	\$ 255.00	
Transfer to Soldiers' Relief .....	1,000.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	245.00	
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	\$ 1,500.00	
State Aid, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,200.00
Payments, Cash .....	\$ 500.00	
Transfer to Soldiers' Relief .....	500.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	200.00	
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	\$ 1,200.00	
W.P.A. Materials, Balance from 1935 .....		\$ 22,355.79
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		1,000.00
Tax Title Loan .....		25,000.00
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		\$ 48,355.79
Administration .....	\$ 3,982.08	
Engineering .....	1,701.31	
Care Town Farm Building .....	972.54	
Truck Maintenance, etc. ....	1,305.51	
Compensation Dept. ....	431.97	
Insurance .....	236.89	
Street Survey .....	349.03	
Washington St. Materials and Supplies, etc. ..	864.72	
Franklin St. ....	555.16	

Storm Water Drains .....	2,911.69
Farm to Market Roads .....	350.10
Tarvia, various Streets .....	2,211.89
Birch Meadow .....	915.41
Recreation Project .....	534.72
Historical Survey .....	880.67
Cemetery .....	1,162.86
Repairing Municipal Building .....	2,133.21
Canning Project .....	990.63
Sewing .....	168.27
Tree Trimming .....	715.81
All other .....	589.67

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\$ 23,964.14

Less Refund ..... 5.57

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\$ 23,958.57

Balance to 1937 ..... 24,397.22

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\$ 48,355.79

#### SCHOOLS:

School Dept., Salaries, Appropriation ....	\$177,730.05
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	190.09

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\$177,920.14

Superintendent and Teachers .....	\$153,676.87
Substitutes .....	982.50
Janitors .....	16,969.09
Attendance Officer .....	454.18
Nurse .....	1,878.13
Medical Inspection .....	959.37

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\$174,920.14

Transfer to General Maintenance ..... 3,000.00

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\$177,920.14

School Dept., General Maintenance, Appropriation .....	\$ 51,296.00
Transfer from General Salaries .....	3,000.00
Transfer from Agricultural Salaries .....	1,611.80
Transfer from Agr. Maintenance .....	70.87

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\$ 55,978.67

Transportation .....	\$ 7,993.25	
Tuition .....	110.47	
Textbooks .....	2,905.21	
Supplies .....	5,249.11	
General Control Expense .....	2,877.40	
Supervision Expense .....	558.32	
Principals' Office Exp. ....	383.85	
Commencement .....	223.90	
Other Instruction Exp. ....	559.93	
Compulsory Attendance .....	85.00	
Medical Service .....	37.43	
Nurse Service .....	263.07	
Fuel .....	6,920.62	
Other Exp. of Operation .....	5,631.68	
Maintenance Expense .....	10,150.14	
Capital Outlay .....	5,419.64	
Insurance .....	2,955.30	
W.P.A. Materials .....	3,112.74	
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	\$ 55,438.70	
Less Refund .....	1.64	
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	\$55,437.06	
Balance to Revenue .....	541.61	
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	\$ 55,978.67	
School Dept. Agricultural Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,817.50
Smith-Hughes Fund .....		665.28
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		\$ 3,482.78
Pay Rolls .....	\$ 1,205.60	
Pay Rolls from Smith-Hughes Fund .....	665.28	
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	\$ 1,870.88	
Transfer to General Maintenance .....	1,611.80	
Balance to Revenue .....	.10	
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	\$ 3,482.78	
School Dept. Agricultural Maint. Appropriation .....		\$ 150.00
Payments .....	\$ 79.13	
Transfer to General Maint. ....	70.87	
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	\$ 150.00	

School Dept. Vocational Tuition, Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
City of Medford .....	\$ 575.66	
City of Boston .....	291.37	
City of Somerville .....	15.38	
City of Cambridge .....	80.00	
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	\$ 962.41	
Balance to Revenue .....	37.59	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
High School Alterations, Appropriations .....		\$ 5,300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		608.35
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		\$ 5,908.35
Contracts .....	\$ 5,306.23	
Architect's Fees .....	522.64	
Bond .....	79.48	
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	\$ 5,908.35	
Municipal Light Dept. Maint. and Const. Bal-		
ance from 1935 .....		\$ 3,596.93
Receipts .....		343,525.24
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		\$347,122.17
New Construction .....	\$ 41,459.19	
Electric Energy Purchased .....	95,655.35	
Salaries and Wages .....	37,799.67	
Maintenance and Operation of Lines .....	36,508.36	
Taxes .....	3,864.00	
Insurance .....	2,674.31	
Office and Salesroom .....	6,279.39	
Rent .....	2,290.60	
Other Payments .....	81,565.79	
Interest .....	2,632.50	
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	11,000.00	
Paid to Treasurer .....	20,000.00	
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	\$341,729.16	
Balance to 1937 .....	5,393.01	
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	\$347,122.17	
Public Library Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 4,800.00
Transfer from Library Maint. ....		50.00
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		\$ 4,850.00



Pay Rolls .....	\$ 4,850.00	
Public Library Maintenance, Appropriation ...		\$ 2,800.00
Income from Trust Fund .....		76.50
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		\$ 2,876.50
Books and Periodicals .....	\$ 1,958.36	
Binding .....	26.36	
Stationery and Printing .....	153.30	
Building Repairs .....	18.69	
Fuel .....	205.14	
Light .....	157.57	
Water and Sewer .....	12.00	
Removal of Ashes .....	4.50	
Insurance .....	85.42	
Telephone .....	44.64	
Furniture .....	86.50	
All other .....	63.74	
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	\$ 2,816.22	
Transfer to Salaries .....	\$ 50.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.28	
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	\$ 2,876.50	
Public Library Special Fund, Balance from 1935		\$ 22.60
Payments .....	\$ 22.60	
Cemeteries:		
Laurel Hill Cemetery Appropriation .....		\$ 7,350.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund ....		1,000.00
From Bequest Fund .....		2,306.23
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		\$ 10,656.23
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 2,426.75	
Clerical .....	804.61	
Pay Roll .....	5,681.61	
Telephone .....	99.12	
Materials and Supplies .....	637.28	
Equipment and Repairs .....	461.21	
Auto Truck Expense .....	223.84	
Insurance .....	255.58	
All other .....	38.56	
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	\$ 10,628.56	
Balance to Revenue .....	27.67	
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	\$ 10,656.23	

Forest Glen Cemetery, Appropriation .....		\$	700.00
Pay Rolls .....	\$	599.19	
All other .....		95.46	
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	\$	694.65	
Balance to Revenue .....		5.35	
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	\$	700.00	
Cemetery Dept. Truck, Appropriation .....		\$	980.00
Payment .....	\$	956.00	
Balance to Revenue .....		24.00	
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	\$	980.00	
Care Soldiers' Graves, Appropriation .....		\$	400.00
Pay Rolls .....	\$	380.00	
Material .....		20.00	
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	\$	400.00	

#### TRUST FUNDS:

##### Hospital Fund:

For Transfer .....	\$	24,500.00
Bills Paid .....		4,146.62

##### Cemetery Bequest Fund:

For Transfer .....		3,640.00
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##### R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:

Scholarship .....		50.00
For Transfer .....		144.79

Publicity Booklet Fund .....		1,115.65
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##### Horace G. Wadlin Fund:

For Transfer .....		1,725.84
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Morrison Fund .....		84.52
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Flood Relief .....		96.11
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E.R.A. Clothing Fund .....		10.05
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\$ 35,513.58

#### Guarantee Deposits, Refunds:

Sewer, House Connections .....	\$	63.84
Water, House Connections .....		30.80
Special Drainage .....		75.40
Cemetery Work .....		26.00

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\$ 196.04

Interest:

Emergency Relief Loan .....	\$ 542.50
Fire Apparatus Loan .....	126.00
Police Station Loan .....	700.00
Municipal Building Loan .....	180.00
School Building Loan .....	960.00
Anticipation of Revenue Loans .....	2,013.72
Anticipation Re-imbursement .....	31.82
Tax Title Loan .....	322.41

\$ 4,876.45

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$450,000.00
Emergency Relief Loan .....	4,000.00
Sewer Loans .....	8,000.00
Municipal Building Loan .....	2,000.00
School Building Loan .....	24,000.00
Police Station Loan .....	5,000.00
Fire Apparatus Loan .....	2,000.00
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00

\$520,000.00

Agency, Trust, and Investment:

Middlesex County Hospital .....	\$ 6,485.68
County Taxes .....	23,910.35
Metropolitan Sewer Asst. ....	8,387.12
State Tax .....	24,300.00
Hospital Tax .....	140.00
State Parks and Reservations .....	178.58
Dog License Fees County Treasurer .....	1,655.20

\$ 65,056.93

Refunds:

Taxes .....	\$ 850.52
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	496.10
Assessments and Interest .....	109.60
General Departments .....	475.21
Miscellaneous .....	84.85

\$ 2,016.28

Total Payments .....	\$1,740,418.14
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	173,620.41
Grand Total .....	\$1,914,038.55

## RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

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Departmental Expenditures .....	\$ 1,112,758.86
Interest and Maturing Dept .....	49,876.45
Temporary Loans .....	450,000.00
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00
Agency, Trust and Refunds .....	102,782.83
	<hr/> \$ 1,740,418.14

## APPROPRIATIONS 1936

### General Government

Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 600.00
Selectmen's Clerical .....	1,218.10
Town Accountant's Salary .....	1,859.68
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,143.13
Treasurer's Expenses .....	1,000.00
Treasurer's Clerical .....	300.00
Collector's Salary .....	2,153.75
Collector's Expenses .....	1,500.00
Collector's Clerical .....	500.00
Assessors' Salaries .....	1,775.63
Assessors' Expenses .....	2,000.00
Assessors' Clerical .....	2,229.88
Block System Survey .....	200.00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,000.00
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	300.00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	600.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	250.00
Election and Registration .....	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	3,100.00
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	2,800.00
Planning Board Expenses .....	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 28,380.17

### Protection of Persons and Property

Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 33,795.00
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	3,650.00
Police Station Maintenance .....	1,100.00
Police Dept. Auto .....	650.00
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	18,551.39
Fire Dept. Call Men Salaries .....	3,264.00

Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	3,200.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	1,050.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	1,600.00	
Fire Alarm Repeater .....	\$ 3,200.00	
Fire Alarm Auto .....	600.00	
Fire Alarm Box, County Road .....	150.00	
Fire Alarm Box, Van Norden Road .....	150.00	
Fire Alarm Box, Libby Avenue .....	150.00	
Hydrant Rentals .....	1,500.00	
Moth Department .....	4,600.00	
Tree Warden Department .....	1,700.00	
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	483.78	
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	185.38	
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary .....	488.62	
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses ....	200.00	
Game Warden Salary .....	100.00	
Dog Officer Salary .....	300.00	
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		\$ 80,668.17

#### **Health and Sanitation**

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 300.00	
Board of Health Expenses .....	250.00	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	565.25	
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	200.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	200.00	
Care Contagious Diseases .....	6,500.00	
Garbage Collection .....	2,400.00	
Dental Clinic .....	500.00	
Child Welfare .....	400.00	
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		\$ 11,315.25

#### **Charities and Aid**

Public Welfare Administration .....	\$ 9,580.00	
Aid, Board and Care and Temp. Aid .....	68,900.00	
Mothers' Aid .....	7,600.00	
Old Age Assistance .....	27,000.00	
Welfare Department Truck .....	800.00	
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		\$113,880.00

#### **Soldiers' Benefits**

Soldiers' Relief .....	\$ 14,000.00	
State Aid .....	1,200.00	
Military Aid .....	1,500.00	
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		\$ 16,700.00



**Public Works Department**

Salaries and Office Expenses .....	\$ 5,500.00
Highway Dept. Maintenance .....	39,000.00
West St. Construction Chap. 90 .....	4,000.00
Lowell St. Const. Chap. 90 .....	3,000.00
Fairview Ave. Construction .....	983.00
Sunnyside Ave. Construction .....	1,060.00
Hartshorn St. Construction .....	2,349.00
Sidewalk Construction .....	2,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal .....	14,300.00
Maintenance Storm Drains .....	1,000.00
Development Storm Drains .....	3,500.00
Sewer Department H. C. ....	1,000.00
Sewer Department Maintenance .....	* 11,200.00
Water Department Maintenance .....	* 54,800.00
Park Department .....	3,152.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00

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\$146,944.00

Street Lighting .....

17,500.00

\* Not from Tax Levy.

**Education**

School Dept. General Salaries .....	\$177,730.05
School Dept. General Maint. ....	51,296.00
School Dept. Agricultural Salary .....	2,817.50
School Dept. Agricultural Maint. ....	150.00
School Dept. Vocational Tuition .....	1,000.00
High School Repairs and Alterations .....	5,300.00

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\$238,293.55

Public Library Salaries .....

\$ 4,800.00

Public Library Maintenance .....

2,800.00

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\$ 7,600.00

**Cemeteries**

Laurel Hill Cemetery .....	\$ 7,350.00
Forest Glen Cemetery .....	700.00
Cemetery Dept. Truck .....	980.00

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\$ 9,030.00

Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer \$ 5,508.50

Debt due in 1935, not including Water and Light 45,000.00

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\$ 50,508.50

Care Soldiers' Graves .....	\$	400.00	
Memorial Day Observance .....		600.00	
Rent American Legion Headquarters .....		1,000.00	
Reserve Fund .....		5,000.00	
Town Forest .....		75.00	
Unpaid Bills .....		457.55	
Land Court Expenses .....		600.00	
Land, John St. Dump .....		2,000.00	
Municipal Advertising .....		300.00	
Personal Injuries, Heselton .....	\$	55.00	
Middlesex County T. B. Hospital .....		6,485.68	
Old Age Asst. Tax .....		7.00	
			\$ 16,980.23
			\$737,799.87
Less Water Dept. ....	\$	54,800.00	
Less Sewer Dept. ....		11,200.00	\$ 66,000.00
Total Appropriations from Tax Levy .....			\$671,799.87

### RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Appropriation .....		\$	5,000.00
Transfers:			
R. H. S. Building Repairs .....	\$	608.35	
Assessors' Clerical .....		44.57	
John Street Dump .....		200.00	
Fire Alarm System .....		500.00	
Sidewalk Construction .....		300.00	
Park Department .....		450.00	
O. O. Ordway Pension .....		325.00	
W. P. A. Material .....		1,000.00	
Collector's Clerical .....		100.00	
Highway Dept. Maint. ....		200.00	
Care Contagious Diseases .....		100.00	
Water Dept. Maint. ....		400.00	
School, General Salaries .....		190.09	
Mothers' Aid .....		581.99	
			\$ 5,000.00
			\$ 5,000.00

## DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 34,852.84
Charges 1936 .....		59,430.28
Receipts .....	\$ 34,604.97	
Credits and Adjustments .....	4,148.27	
Committed to Collector .....	626.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	54,903.88	
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	\$ 94,283.12	\$ 94,283.12

## TAX TITLES ACCOUNT

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....	\$ 30,665.71	
Taxes on Property Taken .....	44,008.71	
Adjustments .....	120.34	
Redemption of Property .....		\$ 29,847.65
Returned to Taxes .....		174.40
Adjustments .....		5,949.45
Transferred to Tax Possessions .....		302.78
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		38,520.48
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	\$ 74,794.76	\$ 74,794.76

## TAX TITLE POSSESSIONS

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Taxes on Property Foreclosed .....	\$ 4,185.06	
Taxes on Property Sold .....		\$ 667.21
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		3,517.85
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	\$ 4,185.06	\$ 4,185.06

## WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....	\$ 2,567.06	
Charges Meter Rates, etc. ....	53,644.45	
Refunds .....	37.09	
Adjustment .....	2.50	
Receipts, Meter Rates, etc. ....		\$ 53,271.61
Abatements .....		335.45
Adjustment .....		18.51
Transferred to Water Liens Acct. ....		671.32
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		1,954.21
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	\$ 56,251.10	\$ 56,251.10

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## MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....	\$31,891.31	
Charges, Light and Power Rates .....	372,711.04	
Adjustment .....	95.20	
Receipts, Light and Power Rates .....		\$342,895.88
Discounts and Credits .....		25,730.65
Adjustment .....		19.85
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		36,051.17
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	\$404,697.55	\$404,697.55

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## CEMETERY RESERVE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 6,080.44
Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves .....		1,691.25
Interest on Deferred Payments .....		17.99
Appropriated for Laurel Hill Cemetery .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	6,789.68	
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	\$ 7,789.68	\$ 7,789.68

## WATER RESERVE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 5,926.72
Receipts from Water Liens .....		322.58
Transferred from Water Dept. Maint. ....		.47
Transferred from Estimated Receipts .....		4,398.33
Appropriated for Water Dept. Maint. ....	\$ 5,926.72	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	4,721.38	
	\$ 10,648.10	\$ 10,648.10

## SEWER RESERVE

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 2,889.23
Trans. from Sewer Dept. Maint. ....		2,773.50
Trans. from Estimated Receipts .....		18.21
Appropriated for Sewer Dept. Maint. ....	\$ 2,889.23	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	2,791.71	
	\$ 5,680.94	\$ 5,680.94

## EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

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Balance Jan 1, 1936 .....		\$ 42,364.96
Receipts, Redemption of Property .....		29,847.65
Additional Commitments .....		36.34
Returned to Taxes .....		174.40
Abatement .....		19.24
Adjustments .....		1,468.91
Transferred from General Appropriations ....		11,926.44
Transferred to Tax Title Loan Reserve .....	\$ 20,474.03	
Transferred from Tax Title Account .....	40,462.49	
Adjustments .....	77.12	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	24,824.30	
	\$ 85,837.94	\$ 85,837.94



## VALUATION

Real Estate .....	\$ 15,563,220
Personal Estate ....	1,023,048
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	\$ 16,586,268

Tax Rate \$34.70

## TAXES

Real Estate .....	\$540,047.03
Personal Estate ....	35,500.18
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	\$575,547.21

Poll Taxes:

3245 at \$2 ..... \$ 6,490.00

## APPROPRIATIONS

Town Exp. Debt, etc.:

March 1936 .....	\$671,799.87
December 1935 .....	14,725.84
Deficit 1932 Overlay ..	85.11
O. A. A. Abatements ..	50.00
Water Dept. ....	54,800.00
Sewer Dept. ....	11,200.00
State Tax .....	24,300.00
State Hosp. Care .....	142.40
Parks and Reservations ..	232.47
Met. Sewer Tax .....	8,231.38
County Tax .....	24,057.79
Overlay 1936 .....	3,138.19

Less Estimated Receipts:

General ..... \$150,000.00

Water Dept.

Reserve \$ 5,926.72

Receipts 48,873.28

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\$ 54,800.00

Sewer Dept.:

Reserve \$ 2,889.23

Receipts 8,310.77

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\$ 11,200.00

Available Funds ..... 14,725.84

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\$230,752.84

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\$582,037.21

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\$582,037.21

# TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

	Municipal Relief Loan Chap. 300 Acts 1935	Municipal Light Dept.	Sewer Dept.	Water Dept.	Mun. Building	Police Station	Fire Engine	Water Filtration Plant Loan	Total
1937	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 41,500.00
1938	4,000.00	9,500.00	8,000.00	6,000.00		5,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	38,500.00
1939	3,000.00	9,500.00	8,000.00	6,000.00		5,000.00	600.00	5,000.00	37,100.00
1940	3,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00				5,000.00	30,000.00
1941	3,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00				4,000.00	26,000.00
1942	3,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00				4,000.00	26,000.00
1943	3,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	4,000.00				3,000.00	23,000.00
1944	3,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	4,000.00				3,000.00	23,000.00
1945	3,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00				3,000.00	20,000.00
1946		2,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00					10,000.00
1947		2,000.00	6,000.00						8,000.00
1948		2,000.00	2,000.00						4,000.00
1949		2,000.00	2,000.00						4,000.00
1950		2,000.00							2,000.00
1951		2,000.00							2,000.00
	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$295,100.00*

\* Does not include Tax Title Loan, \$25,000.

## ACCOUNTING LOANS, ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1936 .....						\$250,000.00
Issued in 1936:						
Mon. Due	Purchased by	Rate	Amount			
1936 Feb. Nov.	2nd. Nat'l Bank, Boston	.445	\$200,000.00			
1936 Nov. Nov./37	2nd. Nat'l. Bank, Boston	.52	250,000.00		450,000.00	
						<u>\$700,000.00</u>
Paid in 1936:						
May .....			\$ 50,000.00			
Nov. ....			400,000.00			
						<u>\$450,000.00</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1936 .....						\$250,000.00

## ACCOUNTING TRUST FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....	\$231,004.96	
Bequest, Horace G. Wadlin Estate .....	1,725.84	
Income, etc., Hospital Fund .....	5,609.06	
Bequest Cemetery Fund .....	3,040.00	
Income Cemetery Fund .....	2,269.87	
Income R. H. S. Scholarship Fund .....	145.21	
Income Library Fund .....	26.74	
Payments for Hospital Care, etc. ....		\$ 4,146.62
Payments for Care Cem. Lots .....		2,306.23
Payments for Library Books .....		76.50
Payments for Scholarship .....		50.00
Transfer Cash in Closed Bank .....		1,122.59
Adjustment .....		106.25
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		236,013.49
	<u>\$243,821.68</u>	<u>\$243,821.68</u>

## HOSPITAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$155,598.12
Receipts Income .....		5,599.06
Refund .....		10.00
Payments for Hospital Care .....	\$ 4,046.62	
Payments for Administrative Expense .....	100.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	157,060.56	
	<u>\$161,207.18</u>	<u>\$161,207.18</u>

### CEMETERY BEQUEST FUND

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 69,196.99
Bequests .....		3,040.00
Income .....		2,269.87
Payments for care endowed lots .....	\$ 2,306.23	
Adjustment .....	106.25	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	72,094.38	
		<hr/> \$ 74,506.86    \$ 74,506.86

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### READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 5,146.64
Income .....		145.21
Payment Scholarship .....	\$ 50.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	5,241.85	
		<hr/> \$ 5,291.85    \$ 5,291.85

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

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Balance Jan. 1, 1936 .....		\$ 1,063.21
Income .....		26.74
Payment for Books .....	\$ 76.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....	1,013.45	
		<hr/> \$ 1,089.95    \$ 1,089.95

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### HORACE G. WADLIN FUND

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Bequest .....	\$ 1,725.84	
Balance Dec. 31, 1936 .....		\$ 1,725.84

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### STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

#### Cemetery Bequest Fund

#### Investments Listed at Par:

\$5,000 N. E. Tel. 1st Mort. 5's Series A 1952 .....	\$ 5,000.00
\$5,000 No. Pac. Ry. Ref. & Imp., 6's Series B 2047 ....	5,000.00
\$4,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Ref. Imp., 5's Series C 2013 .....	4,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672 .....	6,207.71
Home Savings Bank, Boston, No. 368,204 .....	9,939.00

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948,228 .....	9,346.49
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40,177 .....	4,369.33
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89,112 .....	4,347.47
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230,779 .....	4,434.08
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103 .....	6,621.78
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 10,714 .....	1,878.55
Malden Savings Bank, No. 137,262 .....	5,424.05
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61,052 .....	5,350.91
Cash in General Funds .....	175.00

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\$ 72,094.38

### Library Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, No. 987,334 .....	\$ 1,013.45
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### Horace G. Wadlin Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, No. 1,079,095 .....	\$ 1,725.84
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### Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Investments:

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861 .....	\$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161,863 .....	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230,306 .....	1,000.00
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 5624 ..	239.53
Cash in Closed Bank .....	2.32

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\$ 5,241.85

### Hospital Fund

Investments listed at par:

\$5,000 Chicago B & Q R. R. Co., Ill., Div. "M" 3½'s, 1949 .....	\$ 5,000.00
\$5,000 Conn. Lt. & Power Co., 1st Ref. S. F. 4½'s 1956 Series C .....	5,000.00
\$1,000 Conn. Lt. & Power Co., 1st Ref. S. F. 7's 1951 Series A .....	1,000.00
\$5,000 Consolidated Gas of Baltimore Gen. M 4½'s, 1954 .....	5,000.00
\$5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., Tr. 4's, 1952 .....	5,000.00
\$5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., St. Louis Div. 1st M 3's 1951 .....	5,000.00
\$5,000 U. S. Treasury Bond 4¼'s, 1952 .....	5,000.00
\$10,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2 7/8's 1938 ....	10,000.00



\$5,000 Kings Co. Elec. Lt. & Pow. 5's 1937 ...	5,000.00
\$5,000 N. Y. Tel. Co. 1st Gen. M 4½'s, 1939 ..	5,000.00
\$5,000 Old Colony R. R. 1st 5's 1945 .....	5,000.00
\$5,000 Penn. R. R. Co. Gen. Mort. 4½'s 1965 ..	5,000.00
American Mfg. Co. Common, 72 Shares .....	1.00
Home Bleachery & Dye Wks, Pfd. 2 Shares .	11.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfd, 55 Shares .....	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co. Com., 20 Sh's (10921300) ....	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860 .....	7,282.42
.. Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 162,338 .....	7,445.15
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230,778 ..	7,390.31
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 9189	18,263.68
First Nat. Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 6435 .....	5,364.49
Warren Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 135,648 .....	10,301.68
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154,784 .....	9,156.05
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141,347 .....	5,284.82
Provident Inst. for Savings, Boston, No. 615,034 .....	8,050.15
Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston, No. 544,673 ..	2,008.33
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187,890 .	2,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Danvers, No. 2189 ...	1,002.50
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, Woburn, No. 63,401 .....	4,500.00
Cash in General Funds .....	6,876.71
Cash in Closed Bank .....	1,120.27
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	\$157,060.56

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I have audited the accounts of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1936.

LEON G. BENT,  
Town Accountant.

## \$ 6,816.02

# BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1936

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Special Assessments:				
Moth 1935 .....	\$	25.00	Public Welfare .....	\$ 31.99
Moth 1936 .....		243.50	Reading Publicity Booklet .....	68.57
Sewer assessments added to Taxes 1936 ..		143.85	Morrison Fund .....	136.20
Sidewalk and Curbing Assessments added to taxes 1936 .....		255.13	Baseball Fund .....	19.10
Betterment Assessments added to Taxes 1935 .....	\$	351.10		\$ 255.86
Betterment Assessments added to Taxes 1936 .....		424.00	Tailings .....	\$ 216.02
Committed Sewer Assessment Interest ....		37.49	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus .....	\$ 2,636.90
Committed Sidewalk and Curbing Assessment Interest .....		47.57	Overlays Reserved for Abatements of Taxes:	
Committed Betterment Assessment Interest ..		176.49	Levy of 1934 .....	\$ 394.63
Sidewalk and Curbing Assessments Unapportioned .....		819.42	Levy of 1935 .....	3,675.13
Betterment Assessments Unapportioned ...		1,827.69		\$ 4,069.76
Sewer Rentals .....	\$	4,351.24	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Tax Titles .....	\$	1,390.51	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	\$ 6,816.02
Tax Title Possessions .....		38,520.48	Moth Assessment .....	268.50
		3,517.85	Sewer Assessment and Interest .....	181.34
			Sidewalk and Curbing Assessment and Interest	1,122.12
			Betterment Assessment and Interest .....	2,779.28
			Sewer Rental .....	1,390.51
			Tax Title .....	42,038.33
			Departmental .....	54,903.88
			Water .....	2,473.00
			Municipal Light .....	36,841.35
			Cemetery Lots and Bequests .....	251.25
Departmental:				
Moth and Tree Work .....	\$	1,241.25		
Health .....		3,550.55		
				\$149,063.58

Public Welfare .....	39,041.53		
Old Age Assistance .....	8.00		
State and Military Aid .....	1,767.50		
School .....	9,243.95		
Public Works .....	51.10		
		<u>\$ 54,903.88</u>	
Water Rates .....	\$ 1,954.21		
Water Liens .....	490.97		
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1935 .....	23.78		
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1936 .....	4.04		
		<u>\$ 2,473.00</u>	
Municipal Light Rates .....	\$ 36,051.17		
Municipal Light Notes Receivable .....	790.18		
		<u>\$ 36,841.35</u>	
Cemetery Lots—Deferred Payments .....	141.25		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests—Deferred Payments .....	\$ 110.00		
		<u>\$ 251.25</u>	
State Aid to Highways .....	\$ 5,250.00		
County Aid to Highways .....	4,250.00		
Overlay Deficit 1936 .....	\$ 189.26		
Metropolitan Sewer Asst. Deficit .....	155.74		
Snow and Ice Acct. Overdraft .....	1,998.67		
		<u>\$541,115.65</u>	
			\$ 1,393.97
			24,824.30
			Reserve for Cash in Closed Bank .....
			Surplus Revenue ( E & D Account) .....

# BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1936

## DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments Not Due .....	\$ 1,256.88	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:	
Apportioned Sidewalk and Curbing Assessments Not Due	1,661.39	Due in 1937 .....	\$ 305.39
Apportioned Betterment Assessments Not Due .....	4,353.89	1938 .....	285.81
		1939 .....	285.78
		1940 .....	259.42
		1941 .....	86.75
		1942 .....	14.93
		1943 .....	14.94
		1944 .....	3.86

\$ 1,256.88

Apportioned Sidewalk and Curbing Assessment Revenue:	
Due in 1937 .....	\$ 489.18
1938 .....	418.31
1939 .....	318.07
1940 .....	221.09
1941 .....	112.64
1942 .....	55.52
1943 .....	29.68
1944 .....	16.90

\$ 1,661.39



# Apportioned Betterment Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1937 .....	\$	795.24
1938 .....		727.30
1939 .....		704.63
1940 .....		671.37
1941 .....		624.41
1942 .....		425.76
1943 .....		180.46
1944 .....		164.47
1945 .....		60.25

\$ 4,353.89

\$ 7,272.16

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....	\$295,100.00
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00

### General Debt:

Municipal Building Loan .....	\$ 2,000.00
Police Station Loan .....	15,000.00
Fire Equipment Loan .....	3,600.00
Sewer Loan .....	82,000.00
Municipal Relief Loan .....	29,000.00
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00

\$156,600.00

# **BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1936**

## **DEBT ACCOUNT**

### Public Service, Enterprise Debt:

Municipal Light Loan .....	\$ 76,500.00
Water Loan .....	50,000.00
Water Filtration Plant Loan .....	37,000.00

163,500.00

\$320,100.00

\$320,100.00

## **TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities .....	\$237,136.08*	Hospital Fund .....	\$157,060.56
		Cemetery Bequest Fund .....	72,094.38
		R. H. S. Scholarship Fund .....	5,241.85
		Library Fund .....	1,013.45
		Horace G. Wadlin Fund .....	1,725.84

\$237,136.08

\$237,136.08

\* Includes \$1,222.59 in closed bank.

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

### Taxes 1931

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$	69.53	
Interests and Costs Collected .....		100.20	
Paid Treasurer .....			\$ 169.73
	\$	169.73	\$ 169.73

### Taxes and Assessments 1933

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$	251.95	
Interest and Costs Collected .....		26.11	
Paid Treasurer .....			\$ 152.70
Abated .....			125.36
	\$	278.06	\$ 278.06

### Taxes and Assessments 1934

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$	21,505.40	
Transferred from Tax Title Account .....		159.08	
Refund Account Excise Tax .....		2.57	
Interest and Costs Collected .....		942.82	
Paid Treasurer .....			\$ 5,991.07
Transferred to Tax Title Account .....			14,701.75
Abated .....			595.43
Uncollected December 31, 1936 .....			1,321.62
	\$	22,609.87	\$ 22,609.87

### Taxes and Assessments 1935

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$193,126.19	
Transferred from Tax Title Account .....	203.20	
Refunds Account Taxes .....	129.29	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	6,763.45	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	7.47	
Additional Commitment .....	174.64	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$172,127.69
Transferred to Tax Title Account .....		13,763.72
Abated .....		736.61
Transferred to Deferred Payments .....		428.94
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		7.47
Uncollected December 31, 1936 .....		13,339.81
	\$200,404.24	\$200,404.24

### Taxes and Assessments 1936

General Tax Warrant .....	\$605,112.53	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	680.95	
Refunds Accounts Taxes .....	1,313.10	
Over Paid .....	.02	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$392,112.96
Transferred to Tax Title Account .....		12,795.74
Abated .....		12,269.15
Uncollected December 31, 1936 .....		189,928.75
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	\$607,106.60	\$607,106.60

### Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$ 1,805.89	
Committed, 1936 .....	8,161.21	
Interest Collected .....	83.74	
Refunds .....	10.86	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 7,890.21
Transferred to Tax Title Account .....		771.48
Abated .....		9.50
Uncollected December 31, 1936 .....		1,390.51
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	\$ 10,061.70	\$ 10,061.70

### Highway Betterment

Commitments, 1936 .....	\$ 2,324.54	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 496.85
Apportioned 1937 to 1946 .....		1,827.69
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	\$ 2,324.54	\$ 2,324.54
Advanced Payment Apportioned Highway ....	\$ 108.87	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	2.34	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 111.21
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	\$ 111.21	\$ 111.21

### Sidewalk Betterment

Commitments, 1936 .....	\$ 1,219.07	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 367.73
Apportioned 1937 to 1946 .....		851.34
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	\$ 1,219.07	\$ 1,219.07

Advanced Payment Apportioned Sidewalk ....	\$	54.42		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		.98		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	55.40
	\$	55.40	\$	55.40

#### **Sewer Betterment**

Advanced Payment Apportioned Sewer .....	\$	22.40		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	22.40
	\$	22.40	\$	22.40

#### **Water Liens Added to Taxes**

Uncollected December 31, 1935 .....	\$	141.85		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		1.89		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	16.64
Added to 1936 Taxes .....				127.10
	\$	143.74	\$	143.74

#### **Water Liens Not Added to Taxes**

Commitments, 1936 .....	\$	671.32		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		9.30		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	189.65
Uncollected December 31, 1936 .....				490.97
	\$	680.21	\$	680.21

#### **Recapitulation**

Total receipts from taxes and assessments:

Taxes .....	\$541,078.33
Highway assessments and interest .....	1,986.18
Sidewalk assessments and interest .....	1,263.27
Sewer assessments and interest .....	8,328.98
Water Liens .....	322.58
Motor Vehicle assessments .....	18,110.12
Interest, costs, etc. ....	8,735.67
	\$579,825.13

Paid to Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts .	\$579,825.13
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GRACE V. VIALL,  
Collector of Taxes.



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## For the Year Ended December 31, 1936

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1936 .....	\$188,715.21
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### Receipts:

Grace V. Viall, Collector .....	\$579,825.13
Municipal Light Department .....	343,525.24
Water Department .....	53,271.61
School Department .....	31,141.83
Cemetery Department .....	7,331.24
Tree Warden and Moth Departments .....	722.00
Library .....	502.17
Hearings, Licenses and Permits .....	1,028.79
Other Departmental Receipts .....	6,498.93
Refunds to Welfare and Soldier's Relief Departments, including Federal Grants for Old Age Assistance .....	32,252.79
Temporary Loans in Anticipation of 1936 Revenue .....	450,000.00
Filtration Plant Loan .....	15,000.00
Highway Construction Loan .....	16,000.00
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00
Federal Grant for Filtration Plant .....	29,250.00
Com. of Mass., Taxes .....	34,300.30
Com. of Mass., Soldier's Benefits .....	1,772.82
State and County for Highways .....	6,500.00
Municipal Light Dept., Transfer of Income Redemption of Property, Taxes, Interest and Costs .....	20,000.00
Trust Funds Transfers .....	32,425.04
Trust Funds Income .....	28,161.54
Dividend from Trustees—Closed Bank ....	4,622.50
Bequest for Library Fund .....	1,393.96
Miscellaneous .....	1,725.84
	3,071.61

Total Receipts .....	\$1,725,323.34
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\$1,914,038.55

### Disbursements:

Temporary Loans .....	\$ 450,000.00
Funded Debt .....	71,000.00
Tax Title Loans .....	25,000.00

Interest .....	14,238.95	
State Taxes and Assessments .....	33,005.70	
County Taxes .....	23,910.35	
Other Disbursements .....	1,123,263.14	
Total Disbursements .....		\$1,740,418.14
Balance December 31, 1936 .....		\$ 173,620.41
<b>Funded Debt</b>		
Outstanding January 1, 1936 .....	\$366,100.00*	
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1936 .....		\$366,100.00
Bonds and Notes Paid in 1936 .....	71,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1936 .....	295,100.00*	\$366,100.00
* Exclusive of Tax Title Loan of \$25,000.00		
<b>Notes Issued in Anticipation of Revenue</b>		
Outstanding January 1, 1936 .....	\$250,000.00	
Notes Issued in 1936 .....	450,000.00	\$700,000.00
Notes Paid in 1936 .....	\$450,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1936 .....	250,000.00	\$700,000.00
<b>Special Loans</b>		
Outstanding January 1, 1936:		
Tax Title Loan of Oct. 1935 ..	\$ 25,000.00	
Issued in 1936:		
Filtration Plant Loan .....	\$ 15,000.00	
Highway Construction Loan ..	16,000.00	
Tax Title Loan .....	25,000.00	56,000.00
		\$ 81,000.00
Paid in 1936:		
Tax Title Loan of 1935 .....	\$ 25,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1936:		
Filtration Plant Loan .....	\$ 15,000.00	
Highway Construction Loan ..	\$ 16,000.00	
Tax Title Loan of 1936 .....	25,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
		\$ 81,000.00

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the Trust Funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

This Board organized on March 2, 1936 by electing Arthur S. Cook, Chairman, Edgar Frost, Secretary, George E. Horrocks being the third member of the Board. Christine F. Atkinson and Helen W. Brown were retained as office assistants. Gladys R. Dickinson and Ruth T. Van Horn were appointed Assistant Assessors.

The Field Work of the Assessors began on January 2, 1936 and continued until completion.

It is encouraging to note that new construction in Reading showed a material increase in the number of dwelling houses over that of the previous year, with a corresponding increase in valuation of buildings, amounting to \$66,615.00.

A slight loss in total valuation of taxable property and a very material increase in the amount necessary to be raised, was reflected in an increase of \$2.70 per M. in the tax rate.

All abatement and exemption requests received were promptly acted upon and decisions rendered in accordance with our best judgment.

Meetings of the Board are held Friday evenings at the Municipal Building from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. for the convenience of citizens wishing to confer with the Board.

The summary of activities for the year of 1936 is as under:

### VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$ 11,988,065
Land, exclusive of buildings	3,575,155
Personal Estate .....	1,023,048
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 16,586,268
Amount appropriated for	
Town purposes .....	\$ 686,525.71
Overlay Deficit, 1932 .....	85.11
Old Age Assistance Abate- ments .....	50.00
Amount to be paid for State and County .....	56,964.04
Overlay .....	3,138.19
	<hr/> \$ 746,763.05

Less Estimated Receipts ....	\$ 135,800.00	
Less Excise Tax .....	14,200.00	
Less 3245 pools @ \$2.00 .....	6,490.00	
Less Available Funds .....	14,725.84	\$ 171,215.84
Amount to be raised .....		\$ 575,547.21

Tax rate for 1936 (Amount to be raised divided by Total Taxable  
Valuation)—\$34.70 per M.

### Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax .....	\$540,047.03
Personal Estate Tax .....	35,500.18
Poll Tax .....	6,490.00
Excise Tax .....	19,417.56
Moth Assessment .....	618.00
Betterments:	
Sewer .....	520.25
Sidewalk .....	755.29
Curbing .....	76.75
Highway .....	1,239.48
Water .....	141.34
Additional Polls .....	16.00
December commitment for 1936 .....	271.53
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	\$605,093.41

### Detail of State and County Taxes

State Tax .....	\$ 24,300.00
State Parks and Reservation Tax .....	232.47
State Hospital Home Care Tax .....	142.40
Metropolitan Sewerage Tax .....	8,231.38
County Tax .....	24,057.79
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Total State and County Tax for 1936 .....	\$ 56,964.04

### Valuation Comparisons

	1935	1936	Inc.	Dec.
Val. of Bldgs. only .....	\$11,921,450	\$11,988,065	\$ 66,615	
Val. of Land only .....	3,604,395	3,575,155		\$ 29,240
Val. of Personal Estate ....	1,062,715	1,023,048		39,667
Val. of Town Property ....	1,444,270	1,448,345	4,075	
Val. of Exempted Prop. ..	533,415	532,115		1,300
Val. of Excise Tax .....	588,020	700,210	112,190	
December Commitment ..	1,150	7,825	6,675	
Total Town Val. ....	\$19,155,415	\$19,274,763	\$ 189,555	\$ 70,207
Net Increase in Valuation .....				\$ 119,348

### Miscellaneous Data

	1935	1936	Inc.	Dec.
Num. of persons, partnerships and corporations assessed Jan. 1936 .....	2,615	3,168	550	
Number of Automobiles as- sessed .....	3,090	3,325	235	
Number of Polls .....	3,252	3,253	1	
Number of Horses .....	40	31		9
Number of Cows .....	128	132	4	
Number of Neat Cattle ....	23	19		4
Number of Swine .....	81	96	15	
Num. of Dwelling Houses ..	2,562	2,586	24	
Num. of Acres of land ....	5,770	5,770		
Number of Fowl .....	14,099	14,088		11
Population of 1935 Census	10,703			

ARTHUR S. COOK

EDGAR FROST

GEORGE E. HORROCKS

Board of Assessors.



## REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

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Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1936.

The Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors' Graves for the year ended December 31, 1936.

The following Veterans have answered the final Roll Call during the year:

Laurel Hill Cemetery,

Spanish American War:

April 15, 1936, George Copeland, Co. A 6th Mass. Vol. Inf.

Nov. 22, 1936, Charles W. Parker, Co. A. 6th Mass. Vol. Inf.

World War:

July 5, 1936, Arthur K. Lowell.

Forest Glen Cemetery:

May 12, 1936, Walter E. O'Connell.

There were nine sunken graves repaired during the year. I find the Veterans's graves are kept in fine condition.

Respectfully,

HARRY A. TURNER,

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors Graves.

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# TOWN OF READING

## FIRE ALARM BOXES

(March 1, 1937)

112	Woburn and Sanborn	38	No. Main and Forest
113	Woburn and Bancroft Ave.	381	Forest east of Colburn Rd.
114	Mt. Vernon, Chute and School	382	Van Norden Road
115	Woburn and High	39	No. Main and Franklin
12	Central Fire Station	*391	Franklin west of Main
121	Main opp. Pleasant	392	No. Main and Mill
1212	Main and Haven	41	Village and Green
122	Haven and Linden	412	Boston Stove Foundry
123	Haven and High	414	Green and Beech
124	Green and Ash	42	Haven and John
13	Main and Washington	422	Eaton and Pleasant
14	Hill Crest Road and Oak	43	Salem and John
141	Hill Crest Road and Howard	44	Salem and Pearl
15	Main and Minot	442	Pierce and Orange
152	Summer and Pennsylvania Ave.	45	Salem and Belmont
16	Main and South	452	Salem and Libby Ave.
17	Summer Ave. and Walnut	453	Libby Avenue
18	Minot and Center Ave.	46	Pearl and Charles
19	Walnut and Curtis	*461	Pearl and Wakefield
21	Summer Avenue and Temple	*47	Charles and Haverhill
211	Prescott and Arlington	*471	Charles and Wakefield
212	Prescott and Sunnyside Ave.	*472	Wakefield and Haverhill
213	Pratt and Fairview Ave.	48	Bay State Road
214	Prescott and Perkins Ave.	*481	Salem and Line Road
217	West and Howard	*482	Torre St. and Harvest Rd.
219	County Road	*483	Haverhill north Bay State Rd.
221	Union Street School (Private)	*485	Rifle Range, Rivers Road
223	Lowell and Salem	49	Franklin and Haverhill
224	High School	*491	Franklin and Pearl
225	Highland School	53	Main and Knollwood Road
226	Lowell Street School	54	Ash and Cross
227	Prospect Street School	55	Sanford Mills
228	Chestnut Hill School	551	Sanford Mills
23	Woburn and Temple	56	Ash and Avon
232	Junior High School, Temple St.	*57	Summer Ave. east of Main
24	Mineral and Hancock	*59	Hopkins east of Main
242	Summer Ave. and Woodbine	60	C. H. Bangs Co., Prescott St.
25	Prospect and King	61	Lowell near Linden
252	Longview Road	611	Home for Aged Women, Linden
26	Engine 2 House, Woburn st.	62	Spare box
262	Berkeley and Fremont	623	School and Dudley
27	Summer Ave. nr. Prescott	63	Hanscom Ave.
28	West and County Road	*632	Hartshorn and Winthrop Ave.
29	West and King	642	Vine and Vale Road
291	West and Longwood Road	65	Middlesex and Bancroft Ave.
292	West beyond Longwood Rd.	67	Middlesex Ave. and High
31	Lowell and Grove	68	Grove and Franklin
312	Lowell and Dustin	*681	Grove beyond Franklin
33	Lowell and Grand	69	Franklin and Van Norden Rd.
34	Grove and Forest	8	Out of Town
*341	Forest east of Grove	81	Call to Wakefield
35	No. Main and Locust	82	No. Reading State Sanatorium
36	No. Main and Ridge Rd.	10	Town Forest off Grove St.
37	No. Main, front of no. 1177		

## SPECIAL SIGNALS

2	All out signal
22	No school signal
3	followed by box number, 2nd alarm
3	followed in 1 min. by 3, Boy Scout Call
4	followed by box number, 3rd alarm
4	Police call
7	W. P. A. signal

## CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Telephone Reading 0430

\*Transmitter Boxes, sounded only from  
Central Fire Station





